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London, Yesterday. **SIGNIFICANT** of the sharp change of attitude in Britain to the negotiations with Russia was a conference held last evening.

Mr. Hore-Belisha (the War Minister), Lord Stanhope (First Lord of the Admiralty), Sir Kingsley Wood (Air Minister) and Lord Chatfield (Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence) attended, together with Lord Halifax.

It is stated on good authority that the discussion centred upon arrangements for staff talks between the British and Soviet General Staffs, which will follow conclusion of an Anglo-Soviet agreement.

An early declaration that Britain, France and Soviet Russia will lend each other mutual support in the event of aggression is predicted, prior to formal conclusion of an Anglo-Soviet Agreement. — Trans-Ocean.

Weather Change

A drop in temperature of 17 degrees was experienced yesterday.

From a maximum of 84 degrees during the day, the thermometer fell to 67 degrees during the night. This morning temperature was 70 degrees, with humidity 86 per cent.

There was .71 of an inch of rain in the last 24 hours, bringing the total for the year to 38.05 inches, or 17.91 inches above average.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has increased in intensity and has moved eastward. It is now centred over the Eastern Sea. A trough of low pressure extends from central Indo-China across the northern part of the China Sea.

Shanghai, To-day.

The yen weakness continued this morning, buyers paying 95 National cents compared with 95½ yesterday afternoon.

Another "Warning" Sounded

Berlin, To-day.

German "indignation over the latest series of Polish incidents" is reflected in an article entitled "Warsaw's Debt Increases," in the "Berliner Nachtausgabe."

"Warsaw's debit balance is growing from day to day," it states. The "incident in Liessau" shows that the Polish Government is not interested in maintaining her international obligations for transit trade between the Reich and East Prussia.

"Those in Warsaw have evidently no comprehension of the extent the Polish-German situation has sharpened since the Polish Government following up its entrance into England's encirclement front this guerilla warfare against Germany, and these outrages committed against Germans and continuous attacks on Germans in Danzig.

"Warsaw should not overlook the fact that every assault is booked up against the Polish Government with the irrefutable assignment of responsibility.

"This material might one day become so extensive that the attitude towards Poland, even in those countries which wish to make Poland their bulwark against Germany, could undergo a considerable change." — Trans-Ocean.

NAZIS STORE FOR 'RAINY DAY'

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

OF MUCH INTEREST FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF NATIONAL DEFENCE ARE OFFICIAL FIGURES PUBLISHED YESTERDAY OF CEREAL STOCKS ON HAND AT THE END OF APRIL IN GERMANY.

Field-Marshal Goering ordered numbers of large granaries built last year for reserves in case of emergency.

Now, stocks on hand are stated to include 8.96 million tons of rye and 2.98 million tons of wheat. Germany now holds a total of 6.94 million tons of bread grain, or twice as much as last year.

It is also claimed that the Reich has stored 3.28 million tons of fodder (oats and barley). — Trans-Ocean.

COL. BECK CONFERS WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR

Warsaw, To-day.

The Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, had his first conversation yesterday with the new Soviet Ambassador, M. Scharanow.

A long conversation took place devoted mainly to discussion of the Anglo-Soviet pact negotiations and

Precedent Created

Moscow, To-day.

MR. Togo, Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, yesterday protested against the alleged attacks by Mongolian troops on the Outer Mongolia-Manchukuo frontier.

The Japanese Ambassador also demanded that the authorities at Ulan-Bator be warned against repetition of such attacks.

This is the first time the Japanese Embassy in Moscow has approached the Soviet Foreign Office in connection with a matter directly concerning Outer Mongolia, the diplomatic representation of which has never been assumed by the Soviet.

The protest is believed to have followed an approach on the incidents by the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov. — Trans-Ocean.

the attitude of Poland thereto. — Trans-Ocean.

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At present there are two services a week in each direction on this

INDISCRETION OF A COMPRADORE: ARRESTED BY JAPANESE IN CANTON

Canton, To-day.

Some anxiety is felt regarding the fate of the Chinese compradore of Messrs. Loxley and Co., who was arrested by the Japanese a fortnight ago and of whom nothing has since been heard. The compradore was arrested as he was about to board the Fatshan at the B. and S. wharf for Hong Kong.

It is reported that remarks made by the compradore at a dinner, at which the Japanese Vice-Consul was present, caused the man's arrest.

branch line which joins the main flying-boat route at Bangkok. The services are operated by 4-engined landplanes with accommodation for 11 passengers, but it is expected that these landplanes will be replaced in the not too distant future by Imperial flying-boats.

He is said to have expressed anti-Japanese sentiments rather openly at the dinner. Later, he asked the Japanese Vice-Consul whether he could help him obtain the necessary permit to proceed to Hong Kong, which the Consul readily granted.

Since his arrest on the wharf the compradore has been in prison without undergoing trial.

It is, however, reported that he may be released in a few days time. — Our Own Correspondent.

MAN IN IRON LUNG ON WAY TO LOURDES

LOURDES, TO-DAY.
LARGE CROWDS YESTERDAY WATCHED THE ARRIVAL OF FREDERICK SNITE, JR., "THE MAN IN THE IRON LUNG," ON HIS PILGRIMAGE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

The party accompanying him included his parents, two doctors, nurses and assistants. Two spare "lungs" were brought.

Snite crossed the Atlantic in the "Normandie."

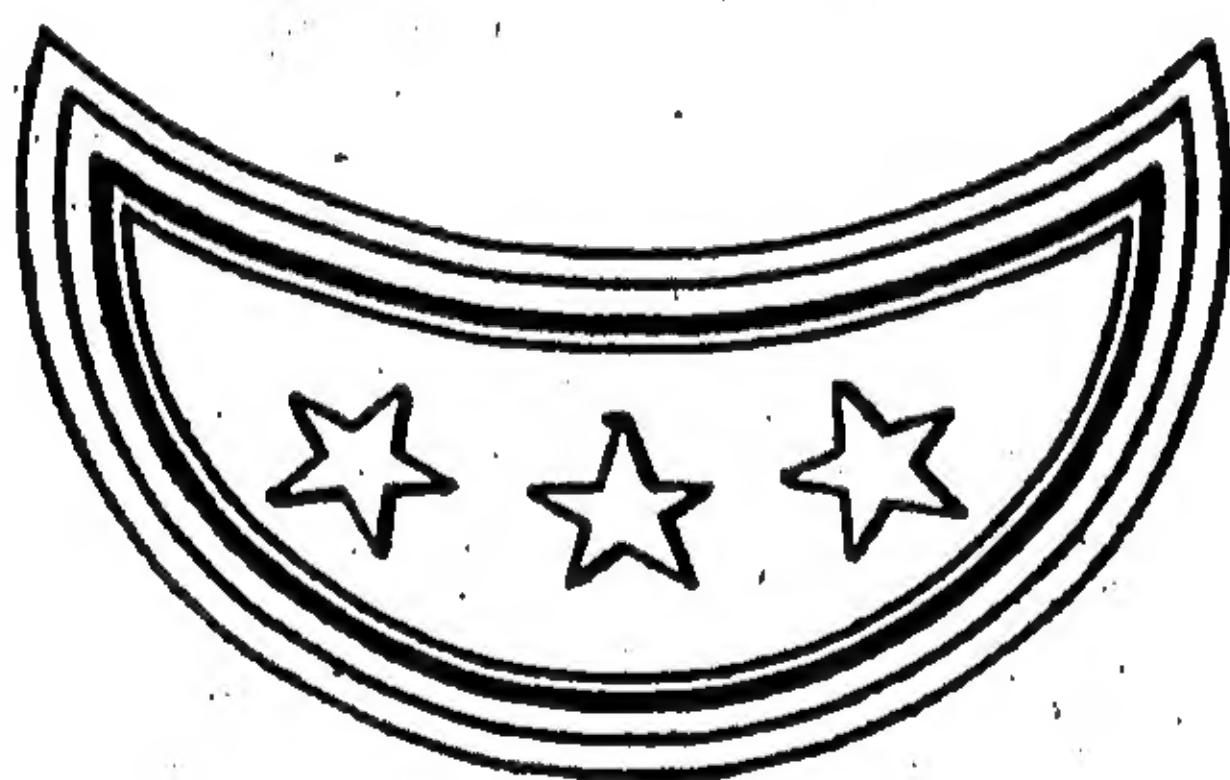
Interviewed, his father said he didn't hope for a miracle at Lourdes but he did hope for great spiritual comfort.

Snite has lived in his "iron lung" since he was stricken with infantile paralysis in 1936 while flying from Shanghai to Peiping.—Reuter.

Forty-five fathoms of Manila rope were stolen from the s.s. Empress of Asia between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Wednesday.

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JAPAN'S ACTIONS PERTURB POWERS

Naval Escorts For Merchant Vessels?

London, To-day.

The Japanese aggressiveness in the past few days has aroused grave concern between the Powers in the Far East, according to the "Daily Herald."

The British naval authorities are understood to be considering plans to provide a naval escort for British merchantmen.

Admiral Decaux, the French Commander-in-Chief, is expected to protest strongly regarding the Aramis incident on similar lines to the British protest against the Ranpura boarding. — Reuter.

JAPAN'S NEW LINE

Shanghai, To-day.

Japan makes no distinction between passenger and cargo vessels and in order to investigate a ship's registration, assumes the right to board any foreign ship in waters near the Chinese coast, according to the Japanese naval spokesman replying at yesterday's Japanese press conference to questions on the stopping of the Ranpura and Aramis.

Berlin's Bid For Japan Alliance

Berlin, To-day.

IT is believed that announcement of a military alliance with Japan or Spain, probably the former, may be the Axis reply to the Anglo-French negotiations with Russia.

The tone of Japan's congratulations on the signing of the German-Italian Treaty and recent Tokyo references to strengthening of the anti-Comintern Pact have attracted attention here.

The Japanese Ambassador is understood to have seen the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, a number of times recently.

NOT INSURMOUNTABLE

It is hinted that the difficulties confronting the plan in Japan are not insurmountable.

Some Japanese circles here maintain that Japan could not in any case remain neutral in the event of a European conflagration. — Reuter.

The spokesman declared this was for the purpose of verifying their status.

He added there had been no change in Japan's policy but the number of ships stopped had increased lately owing to circumstances which the spokesman was unwilling to define.

He declared the boarding was carried out in accordance with the two Japanese proclamations of August and September, 1937, to which the foreign Powers acquiesced. — Reuter.

ECONOMIC PRESSURE?

London, To-day.

Far Eastern developments are being studied here with more than usual concern.

The Ranpura Incident is, apparently regarded, in view of the Aramis incident following, as the beginning of a new course of Japanese pressure.

It is stated that should Japan carry out the threat to blockade the entire coast, Britain could hardly refrain from counter-measures.

The possibility of naval escort vessels being used to protect shipping is discussed, but it is assumed that measures would more likely be of an economic than a political character. — Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH CREDIT TO POLAND

Paris, To-day.

Poland is to receive a credit of 60 million zlotys from French banks, it is announced in connection with the visit of the Polish Under Secretary in the Ministry of Commerce, M. Rose. — Trans-Ocean.



Miss Elsie Wong, who will appear in an Oriental Dance at the Ball sponsored by the Chinese Women's Clubs to-night at the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.

TWENTY YEARS AFTER: ARREST OF FUGITIVE

New York, To-day.

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, an American of German descent who evaded military service in the Great War 20 years ago and escaped to Germany, was arrested and handed over to the United States military authorities here yesterday when he arrived in the liner "Bremen."

The decision was reached after the United States Department of Justice had ruled that Bergdoll was a fugitive from justice and hence should be surrendered immediately to the War Department.

The Department of Justice also advised the Labour Department to adhere to its position that Bergdoll forfeited his citizenship papers by his almost 20 years in exile.

Bergdoll now faces a five years' prison sentence imposed after his conviction.

"THAT DEPENDS"

Bergdoll, who travelled under the name of Bennett Nash, was asked in a brief press interview whether he was still a conscientious objector. He replied: "That depends on the circumstances."

He added he had returned to the United States after 20 years in exile in Germany because of homesickness. — Reuter.

MR. CORDELL HULL DECLINES TO COMMENT

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, refused to comment on the attempted Japanese blockade of the China coast when asked his opinion at the daily press conference yesterday.

Mr. Cordell Hull added he had not had official despatches informing him that such a blockade was being attempted.

He would await official reports from American diplomatic and consular representatives in the Far East before making any statement. — Reuter.

TIENTSIN ARRESTS

Chungking, To-day.

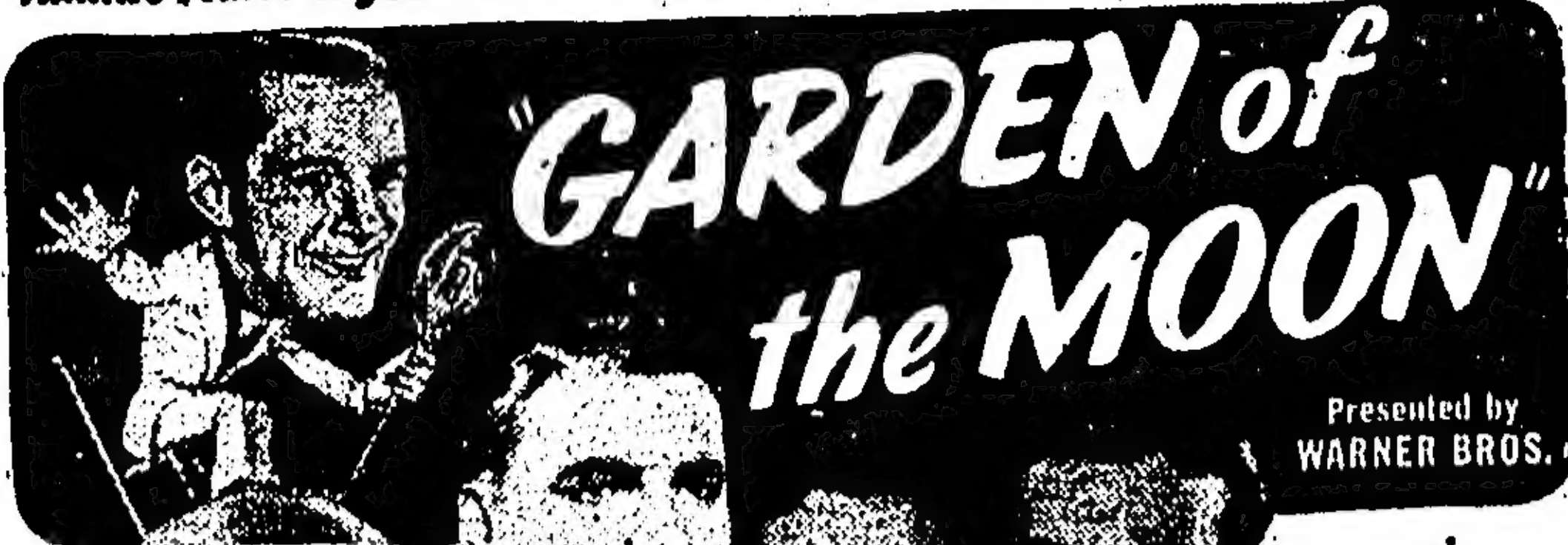
Li Kwei-yuan, a rich Tientsin merchant, manager of the Tien Hsiang Market in the French Concession, and his son, have been arrested by the Japanese for unknown reasons.

Li's son was arrested in the Japanese Concession and detained at Japanese military headquarters. Li himself was then summoned and detained.

They have now been escorted to Peiping. — Central News.

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A REVIEW OF THE HONG KONG GARRISON IN CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTHDAY OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING WILL TAKE PLACE IN HAPPY VALLEY ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, STARTING AT 8 A.M.

Seating accommodation for those wishing to watch the parade is to be provided, and admission to all enclosures (except "C" — which is open to the general public) will be by ticket only.

His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief will arrive at the parade ground escorted by a motor cycle detachment of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and, after receiving the Royal Salute, will inspect the parade. He will then take the salute as the parade marches past.

During the march past, the following will be in attendance on the Governor on the saluting platform: — The Commodore, Hong Kong, Commodore A. M. Peters, Royal Navy; the Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force, Group Captain H. M. K. Brown; the Officer Commanding the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force, Commander J. Petrie; and the Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Lieutenant-Colonel H. B. Rose. During the march past, the Parade Commander, Major-General A. E. Grasett, General Officer Commanding British Troops in China, will also join His Excellency.

When the parade has reformed line, the Governor, accompanied by the senior officers of the services, will take up a position in front of the flagstaff. The Union Jack flown during the march past will be hauled down and the Royal Standard (furled) run up.

Major-General Grasett will then order the parade to give the Royal Salute and the Royal Standard will be broken, representing the arrival of His Majesty the King. The troops will advance in Review Order and the Royal Salute will again be given, followed by three cheers for the King.

When the Royal Standard is hauled down, signifying the departure of His Majesty, the Royal Salute will once more be given.

His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief will then leave the Parade Ground, after receiving the appropriate honours (the Royal Salute).

The bands of the Hong Kong Infantry Brigade will be massed under the command of Bandmaster H. Jordan, 2nd Battalion the Royal Scots.

The troops will form up as follows:
Royal Navy, in close column of platoons.
Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force, in line.
8th Hy. Regiment, Royal Artillery, in brigade quarter column.
5th A.A. Regiment, R.A., in brigade quarter column.
Hong Kong Regiment, H.K.S.R.A., line of battery columns (mountain batteries).
Hong Kong Regiment, H.K.S.R.A., brigade quarter column (med. batteries).
Fortress R.E., close column of sections.
2nd Batt. The Royal Scots, close column.
1st Batt. The Middlesex Regiment, close column.
5/6 Rajput Rifles, close column.
1st Batt. Kumaon Rifles, close column.
H.K.M.C., column of troops.
R.A.F. detachment, in line.
Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, in line.

BREAKDOWN OF KULANGSU NEGOTIATIONS?

ADMIRAL SIR PERCY NOBLE, THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, AND SIR ARCHIBALD KERR, CLARK KERR, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, ARE LEAVING AMOY TO-DAY FOR FOOCHEW AND SHANGHAI IN H. M. S. BIRMINGHAM.

H. M. S. Cornwall, which sailed from Hong Kong with the British Ambassador on board yesterday, is remaining at Amoy.

Sir Percy Noble is back on the "normal schedule" which was interrupted by the Kulangsu incident. He is expected to arrive in Foochow early to-morrow and will remain there for one day before continuing on to Shanghai.

Naval circles in Hong Kong are without knowledge of any basis for rumours that, in view of the stopping of the Ranpura and the Japanese spokesmen's statement regarding what amounts to a "blockade" of Third Party ships, naval escorts would be provided British merchant ship in the near future.

CONFLICTING REPORTS

While it seems clear that negotiations at Kulangsu have broken down, latest information casts a doubt concerning the terms upon which Admiral Sir Percy Noble and Vice-Admiral Kondo parted.

One report states that efforts to provide a solution locally failed and that the matter has been referred to the respective Governments for further negotiation, the international force to remain on Kulangsu for the time being.

Another report states that an agreement was reached for mutual withdrawal of Japanese and the international forces from Kulangsu, the problem of the Settlement administration to be left for negotiation between the Japanese Consul-General and the Kulangsu Municipal Council.

TRAFFIC OFFENDER

Gunner J. P. Smith, of the Royal Artillery, was fined \$5 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest for failing to keep to the left side when rounding a bend in Jubilee Road.

Defendant collided with a motor car when driving from Aberdeen to West Point.

Defendant, in evidence, said he was driving in Jubilee Road from Aberdeen in a motor cycle with Bdr. Atkins. He slowed down when turning the bend. Another car from the opposite direction was in the centre of the road. Before he could swerve the car struck his cycle.

JAPANESE RAID CHUNGKING AT DUSK

Chungking, To-day.

Twenty-seven Japanese planes appeared at dusk last evening and laid a line of bombs from Central Park in the lower city of Chungking (which was bombed on May 3) to the east, hitting the Bank of Chungking.

The raiders also bombed in the vicinity of the Mei Feng Bank and the Szechuen Salt Bank. At several points bombs landed close to Central Park.

MR. LABORINHO'S NEW POST

Mr. A. B. Laborinho, the Consul for Portugal in Hong Kong has been appointed Consul for Portugal at Johannesburg and is leaving this Colony on June 2.

The Chancellor, Mr. Francisco Paulo de Vasconcelos Soares, will be in charge of the local Consulate, as Acting Consul, until the arrival of a successor.

ROUND TRIP

Rio de Janeiro, To-day.

The chief of the Brazilian General Staff, General Goes Monteiro, will at the conclusion of his visit to America, make a journey to Europe, according to an official announcement.

General Monteiro will visit France, England, Germany, Italy, Spain and Portugal.—Trans-Ocean.

THREAT TO SWATOW

Swatow, To-day.

A Japanese transport has arrived off Swatow, and is anchored less than a mile outside the harbour.

In the vicinity are also two Japanese gunboats, one cruiser and several armed trawlers.—Our Own Correspondent.

1,500,000 A.R.P. VOLUNTEERS

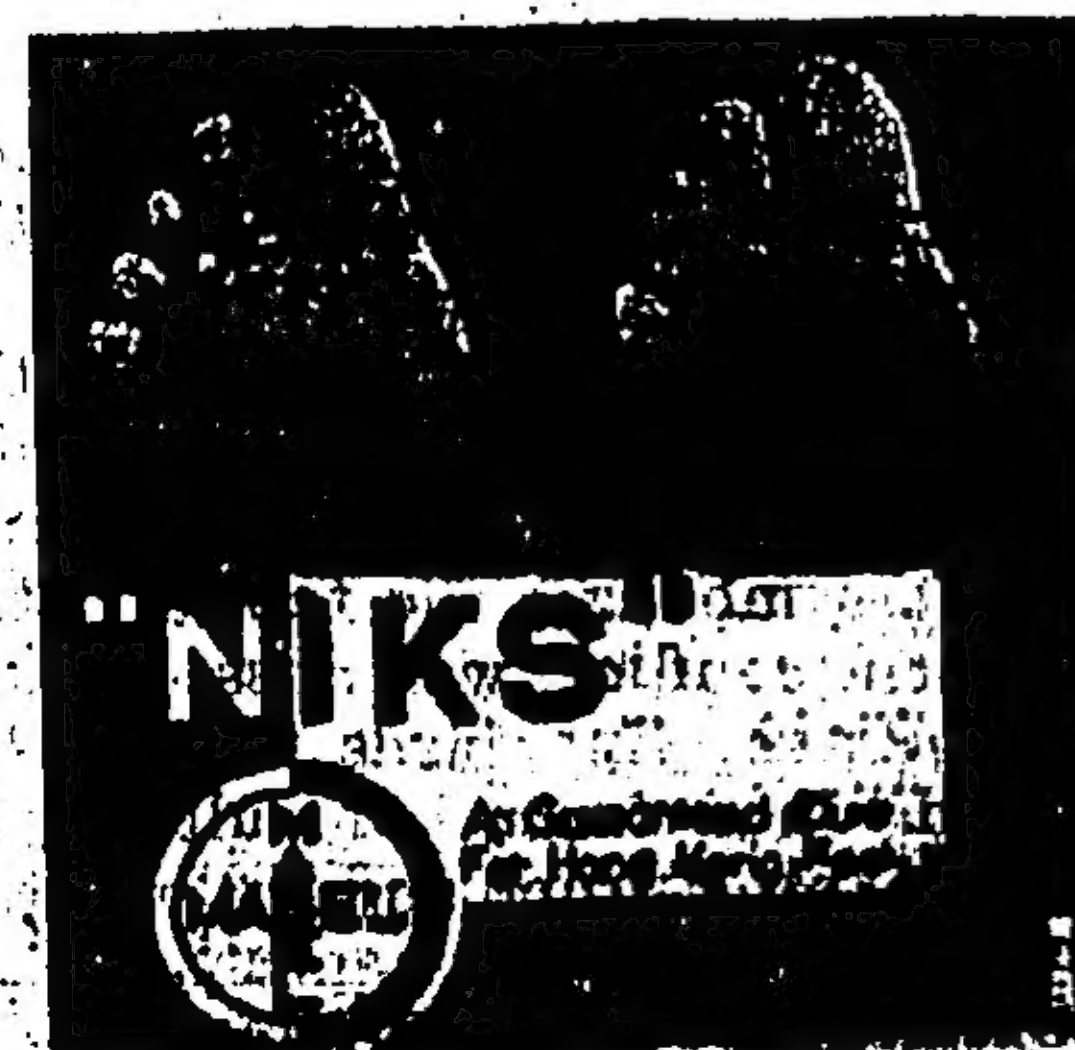
London, To-day.

It is announced that 1,500,000 volunteered for National Service up to May 20, of which 450,000 were women.—Reuter Bulletin.

ITALIANS AT CADIZ

Cadiz, To-day.

The first Italian volunteers arrived here yesterday by special train and will embark next week for Italy.—Trans-Ocean.



The alarm sounded at 6.15 (local time) when the bombers were sighted heading up-river.

The raiders started bombing at 7 o'clock, meeting heavy anti-aircraft fire.

Many huge fires were started.

Immediately after the bombing and before the all clear was sounded, squads of first aid units and stretcher bearers, with many girl workers and nurses, were seen running in the direction of the bombed area, while fire engines also roared towards the city fires.

An unconfirmed report states that two Japanese planes were shot down by anti-aircraft fire.—Reuter.

"BLACK-OUT" SAVES LATER RAID

Chungking, To-day.

TWENTY-five Japanese planes raided the city shortly after 6 p.m. yesterday.

Many bombs were dropped. Casualties are still unknown, but many are believed to have been killed and wounded. Some scores of buildings were wrecked.

At about 8 p.m. another air-raid alarm was sounded and the city was plunged into darkness.

Planes were heard overhead, but no bombs were dropped.

The "all clear" signal was sounded at about 9.45 p.m.

Rescue work is still going on, but official details of the damage caused and casualty list is not available.—Our Own Correspondent.

North Kwangtung Towns Bombed

Lienhsien, To-day.

Shiukwan, Yungyun and Yingtak, all important towns in northern Kwangtung, were subjected to severe air raids by Japanese planes yesterday.

Eight machines attacked Shiukwan, causing 20 civilian casualties. Ten persons were killed during the raid in Yungyun where about 20 bombs were released.

Yingtak was raided by 32 Japanese planes.—Central News.

CONSCRIPTION BILL PASSED

London, To-day.

The Military Training Bill was read a third time in the House of Lords yesterday.

The amendments to the Bill in both the Lords and Commons will be disposed of by to-day.

The Bill will then receive Royal assent, which was accorded yesterday to the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Bill following its third reading in the Lords.—Reuter Bulletin.

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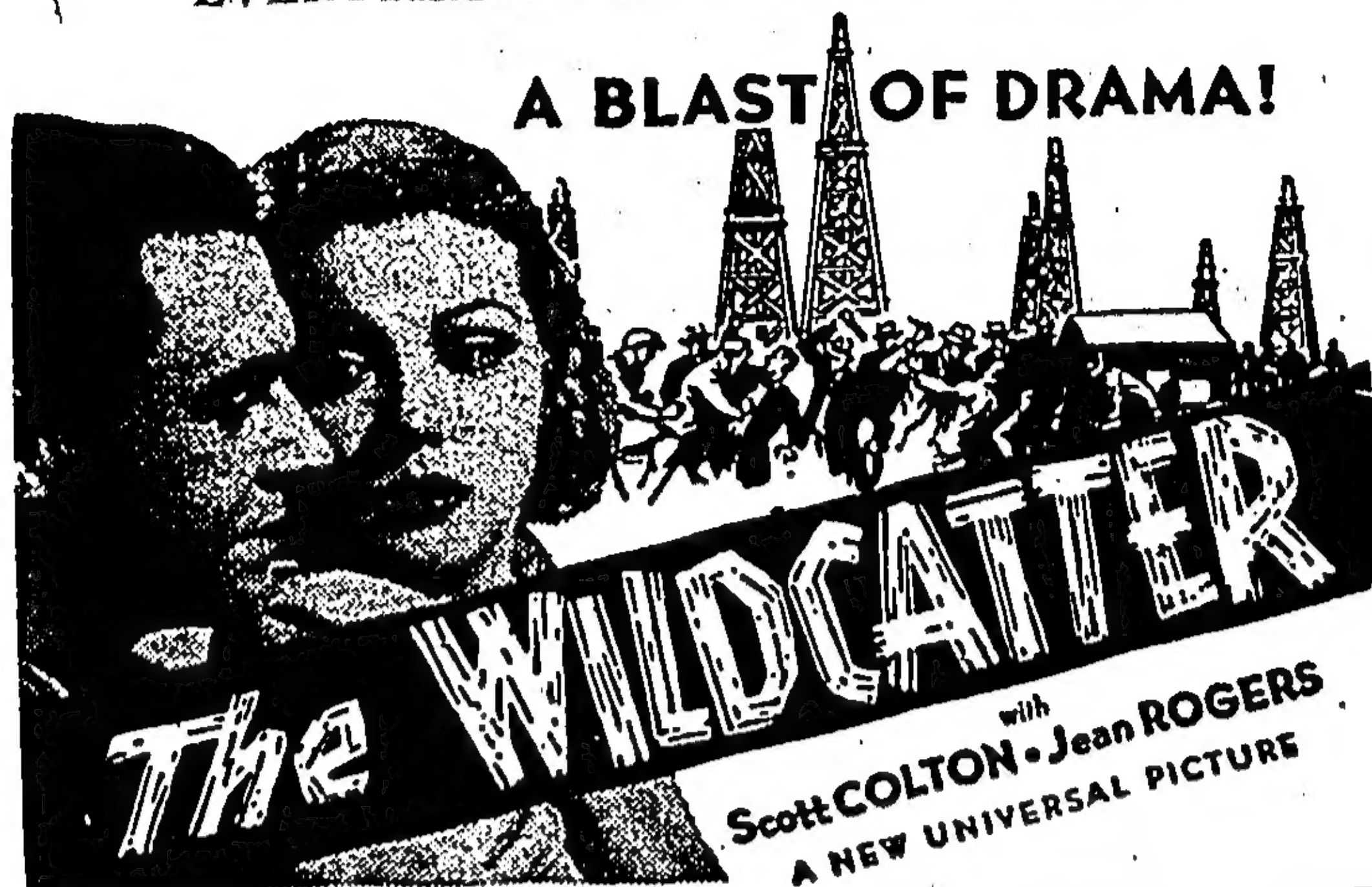
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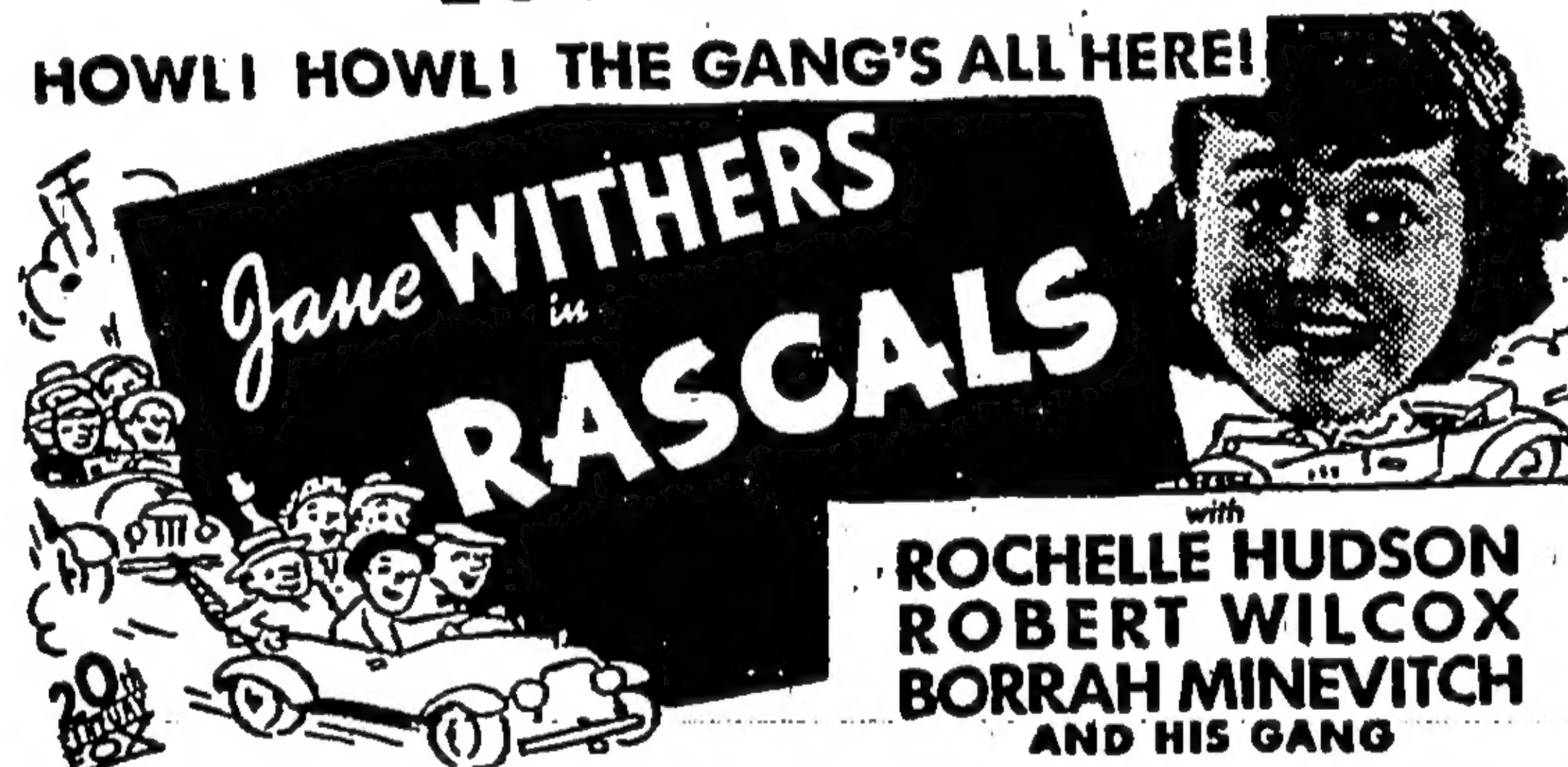


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BRITAIN'S OFFER OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE PACT TO SOVIET

London, To-day.

Although official circles are exceedingly reticent regarding the nature and scope of the latest British proposals to the Soviet, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that it is believed they cover

Firstly, a mutual assistance pact which will operate in the event of direct aggression upon the European territories of any of the three parties. This will be preceded by a tri-partite declaration covering such a menace until a formal pact is concluded.

Secondly, provision for consultation and action in the event of direct aggression upon the territories of any States guaranteed by the three parties.

The question of which States come under the guarantee has yet to be discussed.

It is also gathered that any State the victim of aggression must resist before the guarantee operates.

Thirdly, consultations between the General Staffs of the three parties will be held to ensure the most efficient collaboration between air, sea and land forces.

There seems good reason for believing that any agreement reached will follow these general lines.

COVER EVERY THREAT

Although they do not fully satisfy the original Soviet proposal for a full defensive alliance, they would cover practically every direct threat to all three Powers and yet would not constitute a menace to any State that based its policy on peaceful collaboration.—Reuter.

NEW PROPOSALS

London, To-day.

While it is bound to be several days, as the Prime Minister indicated in the Commons on Wednesday, before the Anglo-Russian exchanges reach the stage where a further public statement can usefully be made, it was confirmed in official circles in London yesterday that the broad outlines of the new proposals which Mr. Chamberlain said the British Government were now in a position to make were sent on Wednesday night to Sir William Seeds for communication to the Soviet Government.

FURTHER TALKS

It was intimated at the same time that fuller and more detailed proposals would follow before long, but in the meantime a number of points which the Premier mentioned as remaining to be cleared up have to await discussion with the Soviet Ambassador on his return from Geneva, where, as Chairman of the League Council, he is still detained.

It is generally assumed that the new British formula provides for the collaboration of Great Britain, France and Russia in a system designed to resist possible aggression in Europe.—British Wireless.

"A THREAT"

Berlin, To-day.

"The totalitarian Powers will not fail to reply in proper manner to this new attempt at encirclement," according to an inspired statement issued to the foreign press regarding the Anglo-French efforts to conclude a pact with Moscow.

These efforts are regarded by the Nazis as an aggravation of the situation.—Reuter.

Cabinet Ministers Abstain!

London, To-day.

The fact that two Cabinet Ministers, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha (Secretary for War) and Mr. Walter Elliot (Minister of Health) abstained from voting when the division was taken in the Commons on the Government's Palestine policy, has caused considerable indignation among Government supporters, says the "Daily Express."

The paper ascribes Mr. Hore-Belisha's Jewish descent as explaining his action, but says this does not explain Mr. Elliot's abstention.—Trans-Ocean.

RUBBER TRADE OBJECTS TO BARTER

London, To-day.

The Rubber Trade Association of London, at a special meeting yesterday, emphatically protested against the American proposals to barter cotton for rubber, according to the "Financial Times."

Speakers at the meeting contended that such a plan would sound the death-knell of the international regulation scheme.

The meeting resolved to make contact with other similar associations with a view to a joint protest to the Government.—Reuter.

CANDID CONFESSION

Rome, To-day.

The announcement that 20,000 Italian volunteers will take part in a great victory parade before King Victor Emanuel, is featured by the press.

"Giornale d'Italia" says that the presence of a Spanish military deputation at the Italian victory parade symbolized the fact that the Spanish conflict was less a civil war between Spaniards than a war waged in defence of culture in South-West Europe and the western basin of the Mediterranean against Bolshevism.—Trans-Ocean.

NAZIS BUTT IN ON ANGLO-SOVIET TALKS

"Discouraging" Officially-Inspired Statement

British Circles Find Themselves "Puzzled"

London, To-day.

A statement issued with all the appearances of inspiration in Berlin yesterday afternoon, has caused some discussion in diplomatic circles in London.

According to agency reports the statement alludes to speeches at the League Council table on Tuesday, in which Lord Halifax and M. Bonnet reaffirmed the attachment of their two Governments to the principles of peace and justice enshrined in the Covenant.

The statement also refers to the negotiations on security questions between the British and French Governments on the one hand and the Soviet Government on the other.

It proceeds to declare that political circles in Berlin find proof therein that the Western Powers have rejected what is described as "the last invitation of the Axis powers to the Democracies for a common solution of European problems."

The statement goes on to postulate that these Western Powers have—in some way not explained—refused their co-operation to what is called a constructive solution in favour of European peace, but is not defined, and reiterates the familiar charges of "encirclement."

NOT UNDERSTOOD

In London it is not understood what the authors of the statement can have had in mind in referring to "the last invitation of the Axis powers to the Democracies for a common solution of European problems."

Official circles here are unable to throw any light on this.

With regard to the implied argument in the Berlin statement about encirclement, it is pointed out that British policy has been clear beyond the possibility of doubt.

All engagements into which the British Government has entered, or may still enter, with a view to introducing a stabilising factor into Europe and restoring confidence, have been and will be expressly designed only to be operative in case of an act of aggression threatening the independence of a sovereign State.

FACTS IGNORED

Since such engagements remain without effect so long as no such act of aggression is committed, commentators here are at a loss to discover how any question of "encirclement" can arise.

The Berlin statement, they feel, completely ignores the fact that it is the British Government which has consistently urged that outstanding problems should be settled by the method of negotiation.

It was stated again in official quarters last night that the British Government remains ready at all times to lend their co-operation to a peaceful settlement by discussion, and in parliamentary circles it is recalled that only last Friday

in the Commons the Prime Minister emphasised the common agreement of the Government and the Opposition parties on the necessity for a long term peace policy for settlement of outstanding difficulties.

PREMIER'S STATEMENT

After adding, also in agreement with the previous remarks of Mr. Attlee, that you cannot talk peace terms in an atmosphere which is entirely without a basis of confidence, Mr. Chamberlain went on: "I would therefore say to the Right Honourable gentleman that if we could have such a renunciation of aggression—I put it a different way—if we could have the conviction that there was no intention of aggression or of further use of force in the relations between Germany and other countries or threats of force—when I spoke of the use of force I meant to cover that—then I think you would find we should not be backward in stating what in our view were the lines on which we could discuss terms for permanent peace."

BRITISH INTERESTS

Before he turned from this to the more immediate problems which were under debate the Premier added these words: "So far as I am personally concerned I want to say to the Right Honourable gentleman that I do not look upon this matter in too narrow a spirit as to what are purely British interests in the selfish sense of the word. I agree with him that you cannot dissociate British interests from the interests of the world. The greatest of all British interests is the maintenance of peace and it would rather be in an international spirit—believing British interests are best served by a solution which takes account of the needs and claims and rights of other nations as well as our own—that I would desire to approach the subject of how we should lay down the lines of permanent peace."

CURIOUS ASSERTION

This large-minded declaration made a considerable impression in

ARAB AREA FINED

Haifa, To-day.

A 48-hour curfew and a fine of £620 was imposed on the Arab quarters of Safad following heavy firing in the Jewish district on Wednesday night.—Reuter Bulletin.

BRITISH SHIPS MAY BE FREED FROM CANTON

Canton, To-day.

Mr. Okasaki, the Japanese Consul-General, informed Reuter this morning that the Japanese authorities are allowing the remaining four British merchant vessels which have been bottled up in Canton since the Japanese occupation, to go to Hong Kong to-day.

Negotiations have been going on in the past few months between Mr. Okasaki and Mr. Bunt, the British Consul-General, for release of the vessels.

Reuter is further informed that the vessels will be allowed to carry down cargo which cannot possibly be used for warfare. Other cargo will be treated as contraband and must be discharged before the vessels can proceed to Hong Kong.—Reuter.

the Commons last week, and M.P.'s accordingly have found all the more curious the assertion in Berlin that the Western Powers have refused to solve in an effective manner the actual problems which condition the problem of peace as a whole.—British Wireless.

****The German statement is, as a matter of fact, quite easy to understand. "The last invitation to co-operate" was contained only in a newspaper article by Signor Gayda, in "Giornale d'Italia," and in that character does not warrant the description applied to it by German official sources.

German aim plainly is to create an atmosphere of doubt in Britain as to the wisdom of concluding an agreement with the Soviet in the face of Nazi disapproval. It is a last, rather un-subtle, effort to disturb negotiations which are now so near a satisfactory conclusion.

The attitude is reflected in an article in "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," which declares: "A Conservative like Mr. Chamberlain regards it advisable to draw the Soviets into Western Europe. One may await apprehensively and wonder to what extent Soviet diplomacy will make use of its advantage."

M.M. VESSEL'S RESCUE NEAR WAGLAN

WHEN THE s.s. YALOU OF THE MESSAGERIES MARITIMES ENTERED HARBOUR THIS MORNING SHE BROUGHT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF A CARGO JUNK WHICH CAPSIZED SEVERAL MILES FROM WAGLAN YESTERDAY MORNING.

According to one of the survivors, when several miles off Waglan, the junk capsized at about 2 a.m. They were on their way from Swatow to Hong Kong with a general cargo.

Members of the crew were in the water for almost 10 hours before the rescue by the s.s. Yalou.

Another capsized occurred in harbour this morning, when a cargo junk was upset by the backwash of a steamer.

Six members of the crew were rescued by a passing launch and a cargo of vegetables valued at \$200 was lost.

ILL-TREATMENT ALLEGED

A 38-year-old woman Chan Sui, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with ill-treating a 10-year-old girl.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon pleaded not guilty on behalf of defendant.

Mr. H. W. Fraser said that Miss Harrop, Lady Assistant of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, visited Kwong Ming Street and found the girl inside a bathroom, in a dirty condition. Multiple bruises were found on her body.

She was claimed as defendant's daughter. Two other daughters were quite well dressed.

Hearing was fixed for June 6, and bail of \$100 was allowed.

SOVIET BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Moscow, To-day.

The increase in the Soviet military budget for 1939, announced yesterday, has been allocated as follows:

Army and navy, 40.8 milliard roubles, an increase of 40 per cent over last year and an increase of 30 per cent over 1936.

Industry, including war industries, 60 milliard roubles, an increase of 20 per cent.

The Budget is balanced at the huge figure of 155 milliard roubles.—Trans-Ocean.

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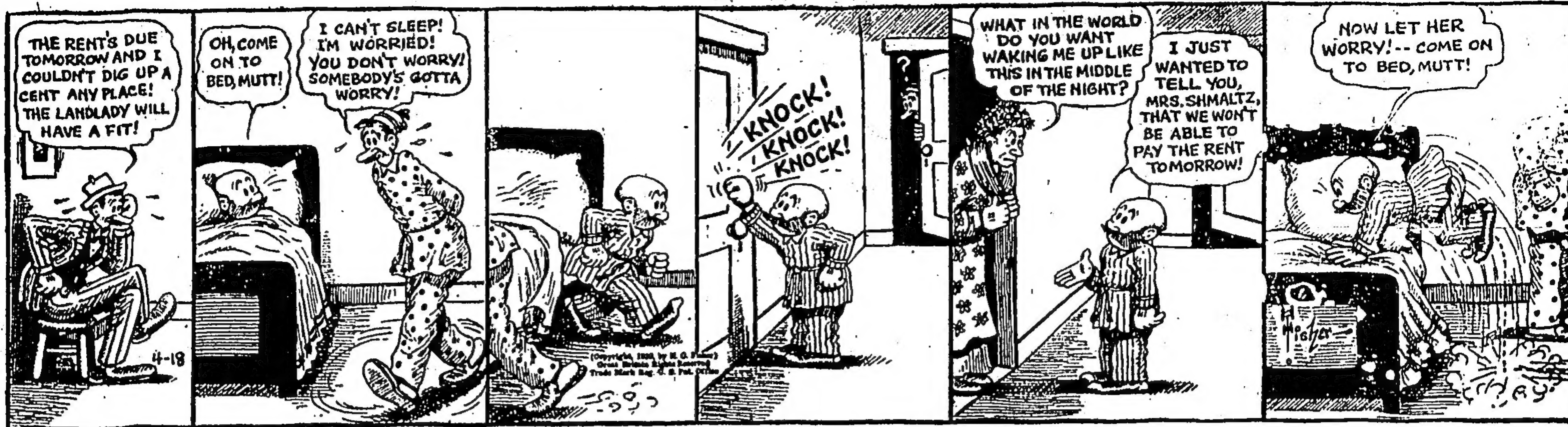
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BOXING

RODERICK'S GALLANT DISPLAY

London, To-day.

Henry Armstrong, holder of the world welterweight boxing title, retained his title at Harringay Arena yesterday when he out-pointed Ernie Roderick, of Liverpool over 15-rounds.

Roderick was outclassed and won only two or three rounds but he did what only three others have ever done, namely, take Armstrong the full 15 rounds.

The whole fight consisted of Armstrong shutting in, ducking and weaving in a most bewildering manner, breaking these tactics only momentarily to swing a left or right to the head.

Roderick's defence was extraordinarily good and he rarely gave Armstrong an opening.

OPENED OUT

Armstrong was content to size up his opponent in the first round which Roderick won with numerous left leads.

Armstrong then opened out and punched away fiercely, allowing Roderick no respite or chance to use his left.

Roderick tried new tactic in the fourth round, opening up the fight, he landed several blows to the stomach which roused the American, who, weakened by the hefty punching of Roderick, was groggy in the fifth in which his right eye was cut.

Armstrong's left eye was damaged in the eighth round but he continued his ceaseless boring and punching until Roderick made a gallant rally in the 12th. round, which he won.

RENEWED STRENGTH

Roderick seemed to have acquired renewed strength but apart from one right under the heart which caused Armstrong to wilt, he was never able to hurt his opponent, who nearly administered the coup de grace in the 14th.

Speaking into the microphone after the fight, Armstrong paid a great tribute to Roderick as a fighter who should do well in America.

Roderick said he had done his best and was not ashamed to lose to the greatest fighter in the world.

Armstrong weighed in at 9 stone, 9 pounds, while Roderick's weight was 10 stone, 6 pounds.—Reuter.

SIR FRANK DYSON PASSES

London, To-day.
The death has occurred of Sir Frank Dyson, Astronomer-Royal from 1910 to 1933.

Sir Frank died at sea yesterday on a voyage from Australia to South Africa. He was in his 71st year.—Reuter Bulletin.

CHINA-BURMA RAILWAY QUESTIONS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

LT.-COL. SIR ARNOLD WILSON (CONSERVATIVE, HITCHIN) ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER WAS AWARE THAT THE NECESSARY EARTHWORK FOR THE RAILWAY FROM KUNMING TO THE BURMA FRONTIER FOR SOME MILES BEYOND KUNMING WAS ALREADY COMPLETED.

He also asked whether he could state to what point it was intended to carry it and when the Chinese Government expect to have trains running.

The Prime Minister, in a written reply, said the Foreign Secretary was informed that embankment work in the direction stated was proceeding.

He had received no communication from the Chinese Government in regard to their intentions in the matter referred to in the second and third parts of the question.—Reuter.

NAPLES REVIEW

Rome, To-day.

Three thousand Spanish troops will leave Spain for Italy on Sunday with 19,400 Italian Legionaries.

The Spaniards will head a military review at Naples before the King of Italy.—Reuter Bulletin.

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PASSENGERS WATCH BOMBING FROM HARBOUR

Passengers on the Indo-China s.s. Wingsang which arrived in Hong Kong this morning, were unwilling witnesses on Wednesday of the bombing of Swatow; the ship itself was held up one day, the air-raids naturally affecting the rate of loading her cargo. A large amount of material damage was done.

Two air-raids were carried out while the Wingsang was in the harbour. The first was directed at the bridge and the Wingsang's passengers saw 18 bombs dropped, they told the "China Mail."

Of these 18 bombs, only three hit the bridge itself, the remainder smashing and pulverising houses and buildings in the vicinity.

This was at 12.30 p.m. At 3 p.m., the second air raid was carried out. This time the bombers appeared to be attacking a small village on the outskirts of Swatow itself, where there may have been a concentration of Chinese troops. What damage was caused could not be ascertained.

In both cases, 8 bombers took part in the raid. It appears likely that these came from the aircraft

carrier which anchored off Swatow a few days ago.

SHIP HELD-UP

As a result of the two air-raids, the Wingsang was unable to get away from Swatow by 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, when the port closes, and so had to remain overnight, arriving here a day late.

Her passengers included Mr. F. C. Clemo of the China Light and Power Company, returning from a health trip; Mrs. H. P. Lim, wife of the well-known sportsman; and Mrs. S. Gardner.

towards that Fund, particularly to our past and present nurses, through whose energies more than one mile of dollars was collected. With such generous support we were able to raise the full sum of \$200,000 at the end of last year for the Building Fund and free the building from debt.

THANKS TO BENEFACTORS

We are very grateful to all who have given donations to the general funds during the year and especially should like to acknowledge our gratitude to the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau for again so kindly undertaking the collection of donations from our Chinese friends.

We should like also to express our thanks to Mr. H. R. Forsyth and Mr. A. Sommerfelt of Messrs. Linstead and Davis, our Honorary Treasurers and to our Auditors Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews.

To the Medical practitioners whose names are mentioned in the report we extend our hearty thanks for the valuable assistance they have rendered to our hospitals during the year.

Lastly but not least we have one more service to acknowledge namely that of the Hon. Mr. A. G. W. Tickle, a member of our Executive Committee. Mr. Tickle takes the greatest interest in our work and has given us most valuable advice particularly during the reconstruction of the Nethersole Hospital. I am sorry to say that he will not be able to serve on our Committee again for the coming year on account of his impending departure from the Colony on his well earned retirement. We desire to put on record our appreciation of his valuable services to our hospitals and tender him our good wishes for a pleasant journey home and the best of health to enjoy his retirement.

The following were elected to the executive Committee for the ensuing year.—Dr. S. W. T'so (chairman), Mr. A. W. Hughes (Deputy

FOREIGNER LOSES CAMERA

Dr. Joubert, passenger on board the s.s. Empress of Asia which sailed for Shanghai this morning, had a camera stolen while he was shopping in the city yesterday.

According to his report to the Police, the camera was stolen from the counter of the Swatow Drawn Work Company, No. 14, Pedder Street, at about 10 a.m.

The camera is valued at £15.

FANS STOLEN

The Hong Kong Government has been robbed of two electric ceiling-fans, the total loss being \$300.

The fans were in unoccupied Government Quarters at the Kennedy Slaughter House, and in the course of an inspection yesterday, Sanitary Inspector S. Eccleshall noticed their absence.

One of the windows and a door had been forced open.

Chairman), The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Tang Shui-kin, Sir Henry Pollock, Sir Robert H. Kotewall and Mr. H. J. Pearce.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ANNUAL MEETING

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROGRESS OF THE ALICE MEMORIAL AND NETHERSOLE HOSPITALS WAS GIVEN BY DR. S. W. T'SO, C.B.E., PRESIDING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE CHALLENGE BOOK CLUB THIS MORNING.

Those present included Mr. A. W. Hughes (Deputy Chairman), The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, the Hon. Mr. A. W. G. Tickle, Messrs. S. V. Boxer, F. C. Hall, Tang Shui-kin, A. Sommerfelt, Miss M. Ward, Dr. F. R. Ashton, Dr. R. M. Alderton and the Rev. H. R. Wells.

Estimated-expenditure for 1939 amounting to \$82,600 against estimated income of \$81,700 was approved.

In the course of his speech, Dr T'so said:—

The year 1938 may be said to have marked a new epoch in the history and progress of the Alice Memorial and the Nethersole Hospitals.

The Alice Memorial was originally built on a site in Hollywood Road and opened in 1887. After 42 years, it was found that the locality in which it was situated was unsuitable for the work of a hospital, for the reason that its surroundings had become crowded with Chinese tenement houses and very noisy. It had to be removed and was subsequently replaced by a new and modern building adjoining to the Nethersole in Bonham Road.

HOUSEHOLD WORD

The Nethersole, built as an extension to the Alice Memorial, was opened in 1898. After having served the purposes of a women and children hospital for 40 years, it was demolished in 1934 when it became dangerous through the ravages of time and white ants. Steps were then taken for its re-building. These two hospitals have, during a period of half a century, done marvellous pioneer work in introducing to the Chinese in the Colony, Western methods of treating diseases, and have succeeded wonderfully well in winning their confidence and trust in western medicine and treatment. The names of these two hospitals have become a household word among the Chinese.

Now with the completion of the new Nethersole Hospital building which was kindly opened by H.E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote on the 7th January last year, the Alice Memorial and the Nethersole Hospitals now stand side by side, forming one large modern and up-to-date hospital with more accommodation for both in-patient and out-patients and possessing greater facilities for administration. Under these new advantages, you will note from the report that the total number of in-patients admitted during the year was 3,570 as compared with 1,876 during 1937, while the out-patient visits numbered 33,249 as compared with 28,471. While the work is increasing daily the number of the staff remains the same. You will appreciate, therefore, the arrangements made, through the good offices of the London Missionary Society, for the appointment of an additional European doctor and one nurse, who, we hope, will arrive in Hong Kong in the Autumn of this year.

MORE NURSES

In order to maintain efficiency of the work, it will be seen that more local trained nurses will be required. The importance of nurses' services to medical work was stressed upon and emphasized by Dr. (Mrs.) Dovey in her talk, at the Rotary Club tiffin a few weeks ago. No doubt many of you heard that speech. Our hospitals have pioneered in training Chinese nurses and we shall have no difficulty in securing such services. But one difficulty we shall find; that is, to provide living quarters for them. The accommodation in our Nurses' Home is limited and we are contemplating enlarging these quarters.

I should like here to express our deep gratitude and hearty thanks to the Government for making us a grant of \$50,000 towards the Nethersole Building Fund, and to the leading Banks, (both English and Chinese), Commercial Houses and members of the Community for their generous donations



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A UNION OF DEMOCRACIES

In the present seemingly insecure state of the world it is encouraging to find considerable interest aroused by the recent new proposal for world settlement which, whether one agrees with it or not, affirmed with much sound logic that a brighter political future for humanity could be assured simply by pursuing democracy to its natural end.

This evolutionary, rather than revolutionary, plan, devised by Clarence K. Streit, Geneva correspondent of the "New York Times," would establish a world republic, taking as a nucleus the fifteen remaining democracies, as being the most highly developed forms of self-government available. It is, practically speaking, an elaboration of the League Covenant on a revised basis. The change of basis is to avoid the inter-play of national governments that has proved so ruinous to the Geneva organisation.

The national governments indeed would get short shrift, since they would turn over some of their main functions—peace, war, foreign policy, trade agreements—to the federal union government, delegates to which would be directly elected by the 300,000,000 or so electors of the democracies. While the national governments, therefore, would give up a large slice of their precious sovereignty, the sacrifice would be made good in some measure by the power retained by the individual.

There can be little doubt that once a system of this description had been installed the problem of security would largely disappear, while the freedom from tariffs among a group of nations controlling about two-thirds of the world's trade would settle some of the major economic issues of the day. In fact the whole super-union might, with a little change in peoples' thinking, work as smoothly as the Union of the North American states has done. Neither does it strain the imagination to see that some day, despite the present blatancy of nationalism, the progressive conquests of time and space will make some such system almost inevitable.

To find ways and means of liquidating some of the cherished functions of our powerful national governments, as the plan demands, would be a formidable undertaking. Were these governments succeeding in giving the individual the security that it is their function to give, it might be a long-delayed one. It may be a salutary reflection for governments that if they do not agree on any form of world settlement, the people have now before them an attractive alternative pattern which fits not only

the aspirations but much of a fast-shrinking world's natural development.

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It is not likely that the art of the story-teller will ever lose its hold upon the popular or the cultured imagination. From the recited narratives of the Homeric minstrel to the novels and thrillers of to-day fiction in various forms has continued to delight listeners or readers.

But it no longer holds the field undisputed. To-day it has a serious rival. An autobiography has as good a chance of being a best-seller as a novel.

But it is only in comparatively recent times that persons in every walk of public life have been constantly solicited to write their lives: and when they produce their books, these compete successfully against the novels. The fact is that autobiography deals with much the same material as fiction. In both, human beings and character play a leading part. Narrative carries the action on in the one case as in the other. The writer of his own life may approach his theme as intimately and frankly as the novelist. There should be a unity in the theme selected by the novelist, but one's own life seen in retrospect appears to have a certain unity of its own, everything leading to the success or failure, or the half-success which men are apt to feel in their own careers.

There is likely to be too much irrelevant episode in the autobiography, and much the novelist would certainly reject. But the writer on his own life has this great advantage, that he is describing what he really knows, what he has experienced and felt or seen others experiencing and feeling; and if he has any talent for writing it is up to him to prove that fact is no less interesting than fiction.

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Suburbia on Its Own

According to a recent statement by the vice-chairman of London Passenger Transport Board, traffic figures show that the London suburbs now rival the West End as centres for shopping and entertainment. No longer, it seems, does the suburban youth on pleasure bent adhere to the slogan "Go West, young man"; and though some people would still hold that Bond Street has a few advantages over Balham in the matter of shops, one gathers that the inhabitant of the latter place who voiced such a view would probably be treated by his fellows as Balham's ass.

There is, however, very good reason for this change of attitude on the part of suburbanites: they may not have quite the last word in luxury shops, but their great emporiums bear competition from any; the film of the moment does not make its debut in the suburbs, but it can be seen there reasonably soon, and in circumstances that are some compensation for being "a day ahint" Mayfair. Not only that, but the best dramatic art, which was once rigidly confined to "theatreland," has often of late years received an impetus from the suburbs, which have succeeded in drawing fashionable circles into orbits that have included Hampstead and Hammersmith, Croydon and Swiss Cottage. In fact, the suburbs are doing so well on their own, that the West End may eventually find it difficult to keep its end up.

LITVINOFF APPEARS AT SOVIET CONGRESS

In Front Row With Vice-Commissar, Potemkin

Soviet Defence Expenditure Nearly Doubled

Moscow, To-day.

M. Maxim Litvinoff, whose recent resignation from the post of Foreign Commissar caused a sensation, was present when the Supreme Council of the Soviet Union, which is one of the Houses of Parliament, voted the agenda for the budget for 1939 yesterday.

M. Litvinoff was in the front row with M. Potemkin, Vice-Foreign Commissar, and chatted cheerfully with the Deputies.

The British Ambassador, Sir William Seeds, and other diplomats listened to the proceedings.

The delegates cheered for five minutes when M. Zverev, Commissar for Finance, announced that military expenditure would be 40,885,000,000 roubles for 1939, compared with 27,000,000,000 last year, and amounting to over a quarter of the national Budget.

M. Zverev, to whom Stalin, Marshal Voroshiloff (War Commissar) and other members of the Cabinet listened, said the army and navy were "now ready to answer with three-fold blows at the warmongers. "As the Changkufeng hostilities demonstrated, the Red Army is prepared to crush decisively those daring to violate our borders." — Reuter.

AGENDA OF CONGRESS

The third session of Union of the Soviet Congress which consists of the Council of Union and the Council of Nationalities was opened in the Kremlin by the President of the Council of Union, M. Andreiev. The Congress is the supreme governing body of the Soviet Union and most of the People's Commissars including Molotov, Voroshilov and Kaganovich were present at the opening ceremony.

Stalin, however, was absent.

The agenda comprises the following items:

- (1) Approval of the budget of the Soviet Union for 1939,
- (2) Creation of a new People's Commissariat for industrial plant,
- (3) Creation of Commissariats for motor transport in the individual Republics of the Soviet Union,
- (4) Confirmation of the decrees issued by the Central Executive Committee of Union since the last session.—Trans-Ocean.

LORD MACMILLAN RESIGNS

London, To-day.

A cleavage of opinion on current political issues has brought about the resignation of Lord Macmillan as chairman of the International Lawyers Union, according to the "Daily Telegraph."

Differences are said to have arisen owing to the action of a section of its members in refusing to abide by a decision of the executive to accept the invitation

SOVIET AND AALAND ISLAND FORTIFICATION

Moscow, To-day.

An article in the newspaper "Pravda," a semi-official publication, criticises the agreement between Sweden and Finland concerning fortification of the Aaland Islands.

The paper says the Soviet opposed at Geneva any discussion of the question before Finland had given the requested information regarding the character and significance of the move.

The information asked was what guarantees Finland could give the Soviet that the fortifications would not be used against the Soviet.

The paper says: "Although the Soviet was excluded from the Aaland Islands Convention in 1923, Russia is more interested in the status of the islands than Germany, Britain and Italy.

"There is no reason why Sweden should have greater rights in the Aalands than the Soviet."—Trans-Ocean.

NEW CHINESE AIR BASE IN CHEKIANG

Shanghai, To-day.

Reliable Chinese reports state that some 100 new planes have flown to a base in Chekiang Province which has been under construction for almost six months.

The aircraft include several bombers and will be operated along the eastern front against the Japanese.

Among the Chinese aviators are several foreign experts it is added. — Our Own Correspondent.

of the German group to hold next year's meeting in Munich.—Trans-Ocean.



Miss Dora Chow, who will appear in one of the Oriental Dances specially arranged by Miss Daisy O'Keefe at the "Grippe" to-night at 9 p.m. Tickets can be obtained at the reception office of the Hong Kong Hotel.

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Powers Of Minister Of Supply To Be Kept In Reserve

QUIBBLE ENDS IN A SQUABBLE

"If you are pleading self-defence, I don't think much of your plea. After all, she is only a little girl," said Mr. R. Edwards to-day to Chan Pei, 35, who pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault.

The case was remanded from last week, owing to the girl being in hospital and to-day, she was still detained.

It was stated by the prosecution that defendant was selling fish in the Central Market when a 13-year-old girl approached him with the intention of buying. After a good deal of haggling, no price was agreed and the girl walked off. Accused called her back and said he would sell at her price, which was 7 cents. She then gave defendant a ten cent piece, and he had tried to short change her, giving her back one cent instead of three cents. When the girl scolded him, defendant threw some water upon her. The tirade against him did not cease and he slapped her, causing her to fall and knock her head on the floor.

Defendant said the girl tore his

DETAILS OF NEW BILL AT LAST PUBLISHED

London, To-day.

Powers such as would be acquired by a minister of munitions in wartime will be assumed by Mr. Leslie Burgin under the Ministry of Supply Bill, the text of which was published last night. For three years the Minister is also empowered, in order that Government contracts be given priority, to requisition output if priority orders are not carried out,

Commandeer available storage,
Examine contractors' records and fix prices,
and

Require protection of essential plant.

At the end of three years the powers may be extended from year to year, with the authority of Parliament.

These special powers will be in reserve, as it is held that preparation for defence of the country hitherto has been carried through

jacket sleeve and losing his temper he had struck her. He alleged that she struck him first.

Defendant was fined \$20 or one month's hard labour.

with the willing co-operation of industry, and the hope is expressed that this co-operation will continue.

Dr. Burgin's powers do not in any way involve conscription of labour. The new Bill applies to Northern Ireland. — Reuter.

It is not intended (adds British Wireless) that the Ministry should at present deal with more than the supply problems of the War Office and in connexion with civil defence. So far as the Admiralty and Air Ministry are concerned, existing supply arrangements will continue.

This limitation on the scope of the Ministry is reflected in the provision for expenditure on salaries and allowances of the Minister, Parliamentary Secretary and a small staff which will not at the outset exceed £30,000 per annum. Whenever the exercise of new or extended powers requires it, the staff will be increased accordingly.

FRENCH FINANCE PROGRESS

Paris, To-day.

The French Minister of Finance, Paul Reynaud, reporting on the results of the latest armaments loan, said it was subscribed to the desired figure of six milliard francs within six hours. He also reported that various short term securities had been converted into long term issues.

These include the French State loan which has been converted into a long term loan at 5 per cent, the subscription period ending last night.

The French Government has also conducted negotiations with foreign countries regarding the consolidation of short-term foreign loans, particularly with Holland and Britain. These negotiations have been attended by success, and at the present time France has no short-term debts to foreign countries. — Trans-Ocean.

GATHERING IN THE HARVEST

London, To-day.

The Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, has announced postponement of the calling up of agricultural workers, men engaged in the fishing industry and anthracite miners to the militia until November. — Reuter Bulletin.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF PREMISES

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King Welcomed In Saskatchewan

Regina (Sask.), To-day.

The Premier of Saskatchewan, Mr. W. J. Patterson, presented an address of welcome to the King and Queen on their arrival here yesterday, declaring the loyalty and support of the province.

The address added: "We recognise that conditions since your Majesty's accession have demanded the constant application of the highest qualities of courage and leadership."

"There is an ever-increasing appreciation of Your Majesty's inspiring example, devotion to duty and unselfish labour in the interests of your peoples everywhere."

KING'S REPLY

Replying to the address of welcome, the King said the people of Saskatchewan had made a significant contribution to the welfare of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

He added: "Achieving unity through their common Canadian citizenship, men of diverse races are proving the advantage of a way of life based on mutual tolerance and Democratic institutions." — Reuter.

THREE-DAY REST AT BANFF

Regina (Sask.), To-day.

The King and Queen, after their eight-hour visit to Regina, will rest for three days from the strenuous succession of festivities.

The picturesque mountain resort of Banff has been chosen as the place where Their Majesties will stay.

On his journey the King has been obliged to spend several hours each day in attending to State business and signing State documents brought by plane to the chief stations where the Royal train stays.

These documents are dealt with by the King's secretary, who then submits them for the Royal signature. — Trans-Ocean.

News Snack Bar

'DON'T RAGE AT WIFE IF RADIO ANNOYS'

Radio programmes may make you wish to murder the performers, but don't take it out on your husband (or wife).

A modern Solomon — Mr. W. F. McCoy, resident magistrate at Belfast — said that in advising a young husband and wife. He ordered a month's adjournment in a charge of assault, and an application for maintenance. "See a doctor and have a talk over your tempers," Mr. McCoy told the couple.

NO "D" NOTICE

Lord Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty, opened, at the Tower of London a wrought iron gate erected by the Office of Works.

As the reporters were placed forty yards away, it was impossible to know if he made a speech or not.

Mrs. Martha J. Spence, of Lelia-street, Belfast, brought the summonses against her husband Samuel Spence, of Oakland-avenue Belfast.

Mr. McCoy said, "I counsel toleration in your attitude to the wireless."

"While some people like one programme, others in the same house might loathe it, yet most programmes nowadays would provoke most sane people to commit murder if they could get at the performers," Mr. McCoy added.

"The fact that the programmes are bad, however, need not provoke husbands and wives to quarrels and fights."

"The one who does not want to hear the programme should go into another room, or go out for a walk, instead of losing his or her temper."

Mrs. Spence said that when the baby was sleeping she wanted the wireless off, but her husband refused.

She ran down the hall with the set and her husband struck her.

The husband said the wireless was playing softly. He denied that he was a "maniac" listening for hours on end.

EIFFEL TOWER ON STAMP

Another new French 1fr. 40 stamp, featuring that Paris landmark, the Eiffel Tower, was issued on May 5. The jubilee of the tower is being celebrated this year.

DOGS AND LODGERS BANNED

Gourock, Renfrewshire. Corporation decided to serve notice to quit on tenants of the council's houses who refuse to comply with the ban on keeping dogs and taking in lodgers.



Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret had their own 'sea voyage,' when Queen Mary took them on a ten mile trip down the river to Woolwich, where they watched the unloading and loading of the ships. The Royal party set off from Tower Pier on the P.L.A. boat 'St. Katherine.' Photograph shows Queen Mary with the two Princesses on the boat during their trip down the Thames.

10 SURVIVORS OF

'BAKER'S DOZEN'

The late Mr. Ballam, of Stockland (Somerset), was a baker, and he and his wife had a "baker's dozen" family. Ten of the thirteen are living and their ages total 739 years.

The long-livers are: William Ballam (84), Torn, Acton, Bristol; George Ballam (80), Otterhampton, Bridgwater (Somerset); Sarah Squibbs (79), U.S.A.; Charlie Ballam (77), Weston-super-Mare; Lizzie Carr (75), London; Mary Jane Herring (73), Tiverton (Devon); Jack Ballam (71), Wick-St.-Lawrence, Weston-super-Mare; Rosa Miller (69), Stockland; Alice Blackmore (67), Enmore, Bridgwater; Minnie Kate Coles (64), Enmore, Bridgwater.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London police courts:— Defendant at Willesden: When they searched me at the police station they even took my shoes off. I wonder they didn't look under my skin.

Motorist at Tottenham: Nobody could possibly be hurt by a car like mine. It is as gentle as a baby's pram.

Witness at West Ham: He seemed to have a lot of character. When his wife was shouting at him he said nothing and looked straight out of the window.

Woman at Hammersmith: It has always been my custom to look in my shopping bag before I go shopping in case I have already shopped.

BILL TO PUT BRAKE ON SOLICITORS' FRAUDS

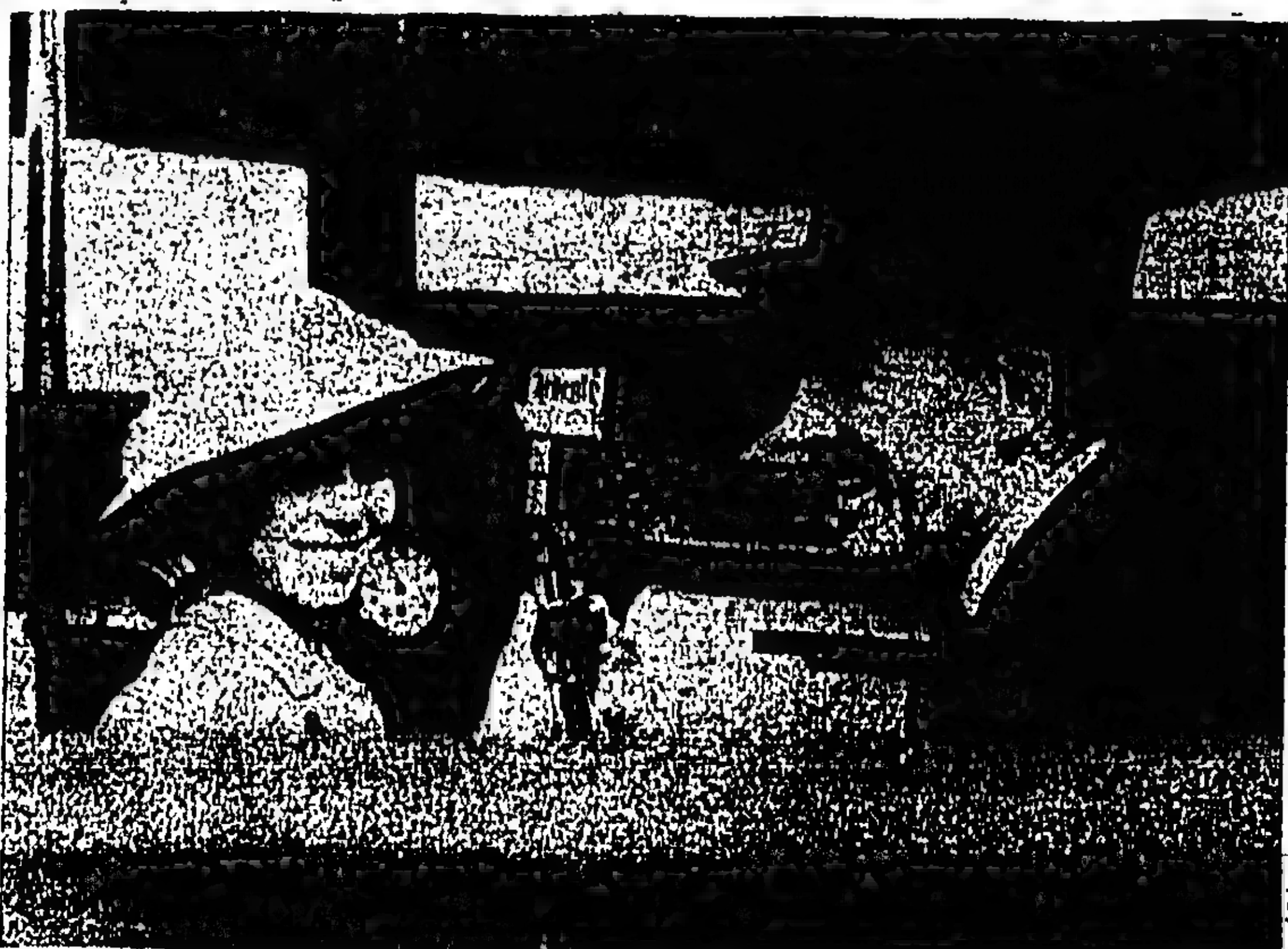
The Council of the Law Society have prepared a Bill to strengthen their hands in the prevention of defalcations by solicitors. It has been presented in the House of Lords by Lord Wright, one of the Lords of Appeal.

Under the Bill, every solicitor when applying for his annual practising certificate will be required to make a personal declaration stating expressly that he had complied with the rules made by the Council as to the keeping of separate banking accounts for clients' money.

Any false statement in the declaration will render the solicitor liable to disciplinary proceedings.

48 YEARS A ROYAL SERVANT

Mr. Ernest Lines, who has served forty-eight years as a coachman at Buckingham Palace (during five reigns) is retiring.



Princess Margaret Rose speaking into the microphone to her Grandmother (Queen Mary). On right is Mr. A. E. Wilbey, Public Relations Officer of the P.L.A.

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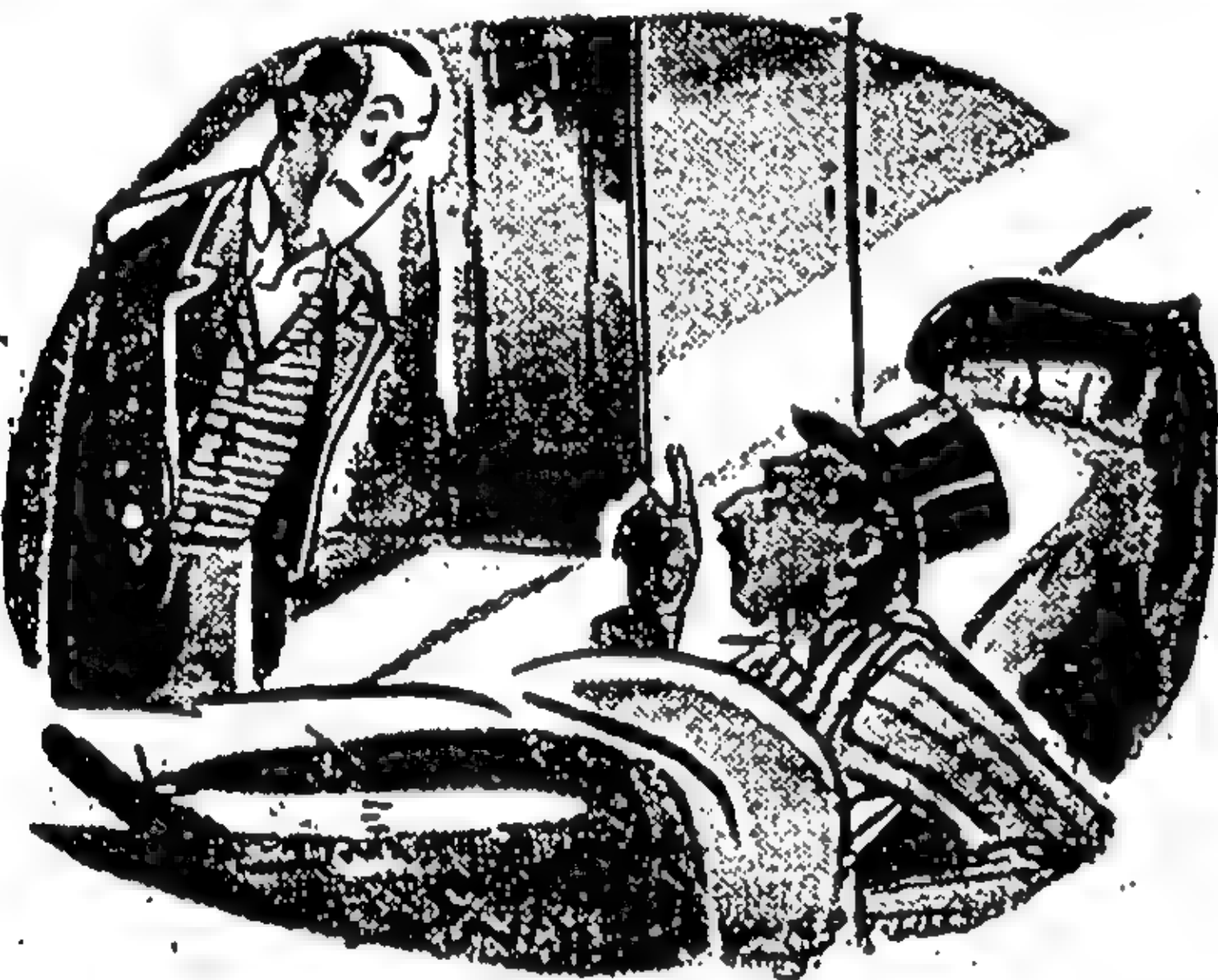
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"H'm. I see. Can't you do anything to stop it rolling?"

"Rolling, Sir? Oh—yes, of course. I'll speak to the manager, Sir. We'll have it stopped at once."

"Don't go away. Do you happen to know precisely what I'm doing in the Hotel Magnificent? My memory isn't too good. Must have had a nasty jar!"

"You had several jars, Sir, if I may say so. You arrived with three biliet

gentlemen. I succeeded in undressing you, Sir—but you insisted on retaining your silk hat. I understood it was a very valuable one, Sir. Belonged to your great-grandfather."

"H'm. Yes. I see. Er—have you got anything—er—that is to say—"

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All America is reading a book that purports

DEATH

ADOLF Hitler is dead. In fact, he was murdered. And the man who reigns in his place is the illegitimate son of a Bavarian chemist. His name is Maximilien Bauer and at any time now you may read that he also has met death, but by his own hand. For he is the unhappiest of men. He likes his smoke, he has a taste for liquor, he has the other vices, too. But all these, the normal pleasures of life, are barred. He must maintain the ascetic reputation of the poisoned Fuehrer. He must listen without end to the tedious wranglings of Goebbels, Goering, Hess and the rest.

That is the story and you may call it crazy if you like. Yet to-day it is sweeping the United States. A little volume published by Macaulay Co. with a red and black cover is selling like hot cakes from California to Connecticut.

Its title is "The Strange Death of Adolf Hitler," and it contains all the ingredients of successful fiction—masked men; shooting at night, a plentiful supply of salacious intervals crammed in between the main episodes of the drama, and, above all else, a secret poison leaving no trace, brought from the Indians of Peru to deal out death to the tyrant of Europe.

* * *

It is noon on Saturday, January 28, 1933. Maximilien Bauer arrives in Berlin with his mistress. He takes her to the hotel and then goes off by himself for a walk. He strolls past the Chancellery.

Suddenly he is seized and carried off by three men. Within a few hours he is face to face with General von Schleicher, Chancellor of the German Government.

There has been some mistake. He is not Adolf Hitler, but Maximilien Bauer of Passau. He begs for leave to return to his mistress, but while he argues a plump officer, with a masterful but not unfriendly face, bursts into the room. It is Captain Roehm, Chief of Staff of the Storm Troops.

The newcomer speaks first to Schleicher. "General," he shouts, "I have the honour to inform you that at 11.30 last evening President von Hindenburg appointed Adolf Hitler Chancellor of the Reich."

Then his eye lights on the wretched prisoner. He gapes in astonishment and pokes him with his finger to make sure that the apparition is real.

A few hours later Maximilien Bauer is surrounded by the men who form his companions and warders to this day.

Goering, loud-mouthed and belching; Goebbels, "the sick-eyed

vulture"; Heines. Von Arnheim and likeness to Hitler. They offer him the job of truder who m. "For how long?" asks the petrified room. One the Fuehrer's Maximilien. "Until you die," re- the Fuehrer's plies the unfriendly Goering. "Of is Herr Zeit. old age," adds Goebbels tactfully.

Soon the Fuehrer himself enters and they face each other dumbfound- ed. The same height, the same voice, the same sallow complexion, the same moustache; hair just a shade too light, but that can be dyed; eyes just a little less bright, but who will notice the eyes? "Little Adolf" is hired.

From that day forward the double lives in the shadow of his master. He learns how to swish his dogwhip with the assured air of the Fuehrer himself. He captures the same swing gait. He soaks himself in the National Socialist gospel.

Very soon he hates Jews and Com- munists with Herr Hitler's own fury. He becomes the perfect Nazi. And lest too many should learn the secret, he takes with him always a coloured wig to hide his

By Mic

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THE MEN WHO SAID "NO" TO HITLER. diplomatic setback when his offer of non-aggress Norway, Denmark and Sweden "Germany's Nord polite, collective rejection. Seated, left to right, (Denmark) and Sandler (Sweden), and behind M and Minister Koht (Norway). (right).

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PROBLEMATICS By ERN SHAW

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FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, MAY 26, 1939

"A FELONY COMPOUNDED"

THE tall, vigorous young figure hardly waited for the maid to open the library door, but strode in with an air of determination that touched recklessness.

Mr. Barry Gaine, the maid announced, but the visitor waited for no greeting nor welcome, simply strode forward till only the big desk was between him and Dr. Flodd, waiting for him.

The old doctor, entrenched behind the big desk, was cooler than his visitor. "I made a point of being here when you arrived. I hoped you might have been in time for the funeral yesterday," he said quietly.

The visitor did not sit down: he stood there frowning down at the old man, and at a long envelope under his hands on the desk.

"We—my wife and I—were in an out-of-the-way village in Bavaria. Our honeymoon. Your letter took a long time to catch me up. But I'm terribly sorry I didn't get back in time to say good-bye to my grandmother. What happened—what was the cause of her death?"

—and it's too late."

Silence fell between them, the old man watching the young brooding face, his own eyes half-shut and his fingers tapping the big envelope under them. Then Barry Gaine lifted his head with a half sigh and spoke.

"Well—that's that. I only hope the old dear will be able to watch me working, will be able to see what a splendid wife I've got to pull me up and keep me going decently for the future. I'm dead sorry about Granny's disappointment—we might have been so happy when once she had seen how straight I meant to go."

Still the old man kept silence, but his nervous fingers toyed with the big envelope, and that movement caught and held Barry Gaine's eye. Slowly he became intent on it and the old figure seemed to shrink a little in its chair, waiting for words to come.

"I suppose my grandmother's estate had been piling up, these years? Who has it all gone to?"

know—this looks like undue influence to me. There's some-thing wrong here—I'll swear. She would never had left me without any help at all." Suddenly he jumped to his feet, cried with a burst—"Oh!—why didn't I come back just a week sooner and bring her Estelle. Why didn't I come back and show her how I'd pulled up? She wouldn't have let me down completely like this."

"But I shouldn't let you come to want if I see you working and living decently. Your grandmother trusted me to look after you. She knew . . ."

The boy flashed round on him with a shout—

"Do you really imagine I'd take charity from you? How dare you suggest such a thing? This was family money and I'd a right to it—but if you've cozened it out of her I'd starve rather than come to you. You've always had a down on me—now you've stolen . . ."

"If I hadn't let your grandmother leave it in my hands she would have been worried again at the very last. She had no smallest reason to trust you. You've been nothing but trouble to her." The words drove at him fiercely and Barry Gaine shrugged, his young face grim.

"Well—I'll take nothing from you, that's certain. I expect I could fight this will, on the strength of that other one—but I've nothing to do it with. And it was my own fault for not coming back more quickly. But I never thought of you scheming like this. What did you want to steal this money for—old as you are? You didn't need to beggar me to . . ."

"Stop!—I tell you I'll give you all you need if you go straight. Your grandmother trusted me."

"Don't talk rubbish! Gaine's don't take charity. You've got this, by fair means or foul—keep it and have the guilt on your conscience." Gaine jumped to his feet; picked up the will for a last look sneering at it, trying hard to get beyond the bitter blow of it; and the old man's face was anxious.

"Funny, isn't it?" Gaine said. "These few words—and the shaky writing of a name at the end—and I'm beggared, with a young wife and a child to come. My word!—it meant a lot when you put your name to that, Granny!" He flicked at the paper again, contemptuously. Then suddenly brought it up close to his eyes.

"That's a pretty rotten signature" he said slowly, after a long pause, and his breath broke his voice as if he were startled. Then his face was thrust out towards the old man, his eyes very wide.

"By God!—it's a precious bad signature. Granny's was always such a swing and flourish of an affair." He gulped and went on. "Look here—who wrote the body of this precious will? Did the family solicitor send down?"

"No. I wrote the thing at Mrs. Gaine's dictation." Dr. Flodd moistened his lips again, staring fixedly at his questioner.

"The devil you did! Look here—I don't like the look of this so much. I'm going up to town straight away to see the solici-

tors. They'll look into this—and out from the witnesses whether they really saw Grandmother sign it or not—I don't understand what's been happening, quite."

"What do you mean—what are you quarrelling with? Haven't I offered to let you have money—what's the matter? The old man was shaking as he stood leaning across the desk, and Gaine drew himself upright and smiled.

"The matter is that you admit you wrote the body of this will, and I shouldn't be surprised if you did the signature as well. You're a clever old devil—but this shaky signature doesn't look so good to me. We'll have this cleared up. I'm straight to town to set things going!"

He turned away towards the door—but the old man had flung himself across the room and caught at his arm.

"No—No—don't do that; for pity's sake don't do that. I—I only did what the old lady wanted me to."

"What do you mean—what did she want you to do?"

"She got me to write out what she wanted—she was crying, poor old thing—because you'd disappointed her so—and then I put the pen in her fingers . . . but she—she couldn't . . . she was so worn down." The old man was holding on to his arm, panting out words, shaking Gaine by the force of his passionate, appealing confession.

"Well—that's what I was suspecting. But what then? What happened if she wasn't equal to signing—that's what I want to know?" Barry Gaine had turned and gripped the old man now in his turn. He was shaking him violently. "Come on—what happened when my grandmother couldn't sign?"

"She wanted the thing signed—she held my hand—she pushed the pen as near as she could . . . and I—I did what she wanted. It was no use my guiding her hand, so I just copied her signature from the other will. It was what she wanted—she just let go and died peacefully then." The old man (Continued on Page 7)

Short Story

By Nellie Tom-Gallon

"You were the cause—she worried and fretted herself out of life because she was disappointed in you." The thin old voice dropped the words out, hard and cold like bullets, and the young face opposite him changed and lost some of its drive and resolution. "Of course, I don't call it that on her death certificate—but that's what really happened."

"But I'm working hard now. I'm married to Estelle and I'm working like the devil. It's hard luck that Granny's gone now. I'd have shown her . . ."

"Yes—married to this girl from the village—because you had to be. That was the last straw for your grandmother. Sheer disgust, that meant!"

"Wait a minute!" Barry Gaine thumped a fist on the desk. "Just remember there was no 'had to be' about my marriage. I need not have done it if I hadn't chosen to. But when Estelle came up to London and told me, I suddenly realised I—I had been a poor sort of swine, and that she was a dear to have trusted me." He caught back some emotion that had shaken his voice and went on coolly. "Anyway—it's none of your business; still I don't mind admitted it was the best thing I ever did in my life to realise what a decent trusting little creature Estelle was, and to marry her. I've been working hard ever since—done quite some decent studios down in the Black Forest . . ."

"That was the first disappointment you gave your grandmother when you declared you were going to be an artist. Your life has been simply—well, skoddy, ever since. Now this marriage was more than she could stand."

"I know—I can understand that, all right. But it's so frightfully unlucky she should have died just now. I was only meaning to do something worth while to show her before I came back

The question was asked with a return of the reckless air that Gaine had carried when he first came in. The old man licked his dry lips and stiffened.

"This is your grandmother's will that I have here. She left it in my charge—you'd better read it. It won't take you long." Dr. Flodd drew a sheet of foolscap from the envelope, slowly spread it out and pushed it across the desk towards Gaine.

Something in the old man's manner and voice struck at him, and his eyes were puzzled but fixed on him as Gaine picked up the sheet of foolscap. He flicked it flat still not looking at it but at the old man; then read it sharply—and it did not take him long.

Knowing it word for word the old man could see him start, twice, once as he took in the gist of the page, then as he looked at the date. Then an ugly silence fell in the room while still Gaine held the sheet and dropped at last into a chair.

"My God!—so she left everything to you, did she? And this was only made two days before she died—every blessed thing to you! How did you manage to get round the poor old soul like that, I wonder?" His eyes were flaming as he dropped the sheet and rested his clenched fist on it.

"That will do—Mrs. Gaine was absolutely disgusted and disappointed in you, her only relative, so she trusted me with the money when it was too late for her to make new plans." Dr. Flodd was suddenly on his feet and his voice was sharp. "She waited and waited for you—and you never came. It was too late—and she trusted me."

"I don't believe it was like that. There was another will a year or two ago and she left her money to me in that one." Gaine had gradually grown very quiet as he stared down at the paper. "You





Bridal group photographed outside Rosary Church on Monday after the marriage of Mr. J. R. Sykes and Miss Marie Engelbrecht.

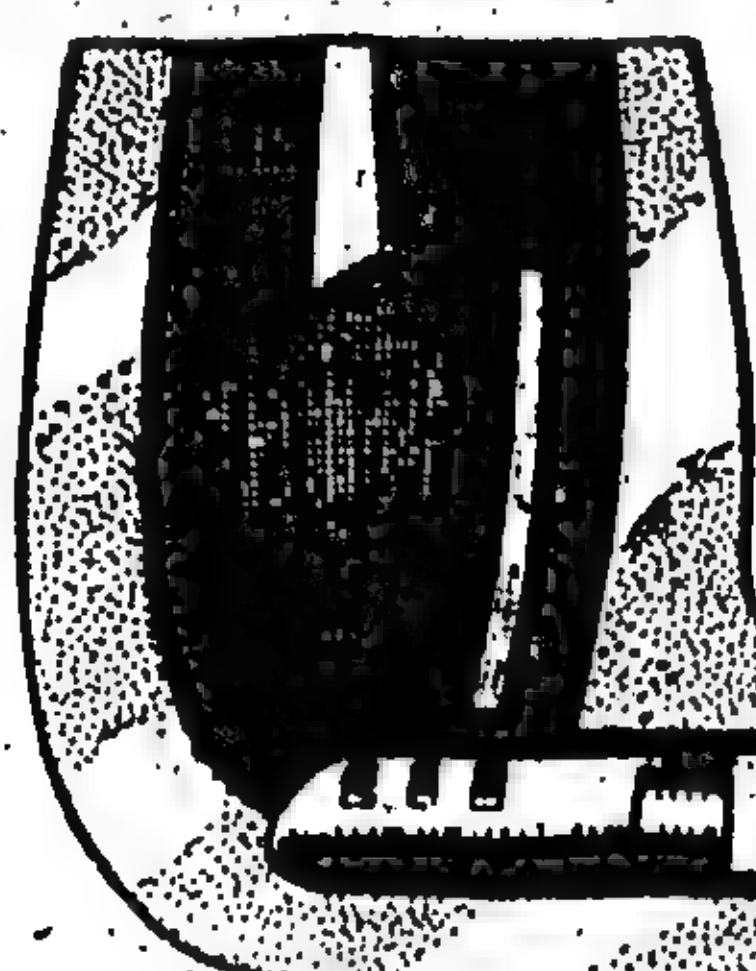


Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sykes leaving Rosary Church after their marriage on Monday. Mrs. Sykes was formerly Miss Marie Engelbrecht.



Miss Gloria Yee, who will be seen at the "Gripps" to-night in a swing number with Mr. Herbert Tong at the supper dance held by the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives.

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COSMETICS

"Darling," breathed John as he drew Daphne down beside him on to the garden seat, "your cheeks are as soft as rose petals!"

"I know," replied Daphne seriously. "You see, I invariably wash my face in Frotho, an indispensable preparation for every woman who wishes to retain the adoration of her man."

"Furthermore, I use a special beauty cream, Softo, compounded of ingredients mixed by the personal advisers of Cleopatra in the hey-day of her loveliness. It contains autobicarbonates, perihellion, ground glass crystalates, But Daphne was speaking to the empty air. John had crept off and was sitting next to Florrie in the summer-house."

"Your hair," he murmured, "smells divinely of wood smoke."

"Divinely my foot!" retorted Florrie briskly. "You're singeing it with your cigarette. My hair smells like hair, and if you don't like it you can lump it."

"Thank God," said John fervently.



H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, arriving at St. Andrew's Church for Matins. The Rev. J. R. Higgs is on His Excellency's right, and on his left is Mr. A. C. Jeffreys.

CABBAGES AND KINGS

TRUE MODESTY

It was the habit of several local house-holders to get together over a pint of beer in the local and discuss their gardens. On this particular evening each was trying to out do the others with stories of the marvellous things he had managed to grow.

But one little man, sitting by himself in the corner, took no part in the conversation until one of his neighbours turned to him and asked: "By the way, what happened to that rhubarb you were growing, Jim?"

"Oh, that!" came Jim's quiet reply. "I sold the sticks to a builder for scaffold poles."

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MUSICAL MEMORIES

Yehudi Menuhin, the news-hawks report, has been inspired by the hum of an electric floor-sweeper.

Such occurrences are frequent in musical history. Johann Strauss was one night guest of honour at a banquet in the old Imperial Palace on the shore of the Danube.

Early in the course of the meal his hostess observed him jotting down a theme on the back of his menu. "A new waltz, maestro?" she inquired.

"Yes, your Highness, and dedicated to you," responded Strauss. "It is inspired by the sound of the Danube as it splashes and foams past your

Palace windows."

After the soup had been cleared away Strauss turned to his hostess and said: "It is strange, is it not, your Highness, but the Danube has stopped."

UNEARTHLY

Two boys climbed over a wall into a lonely graveyard to share a bag of nuts, but dropped two while climbing the wall.

Two tramps who were passing stopped to listen to what they thought was an angel and the devil dividing the souls.

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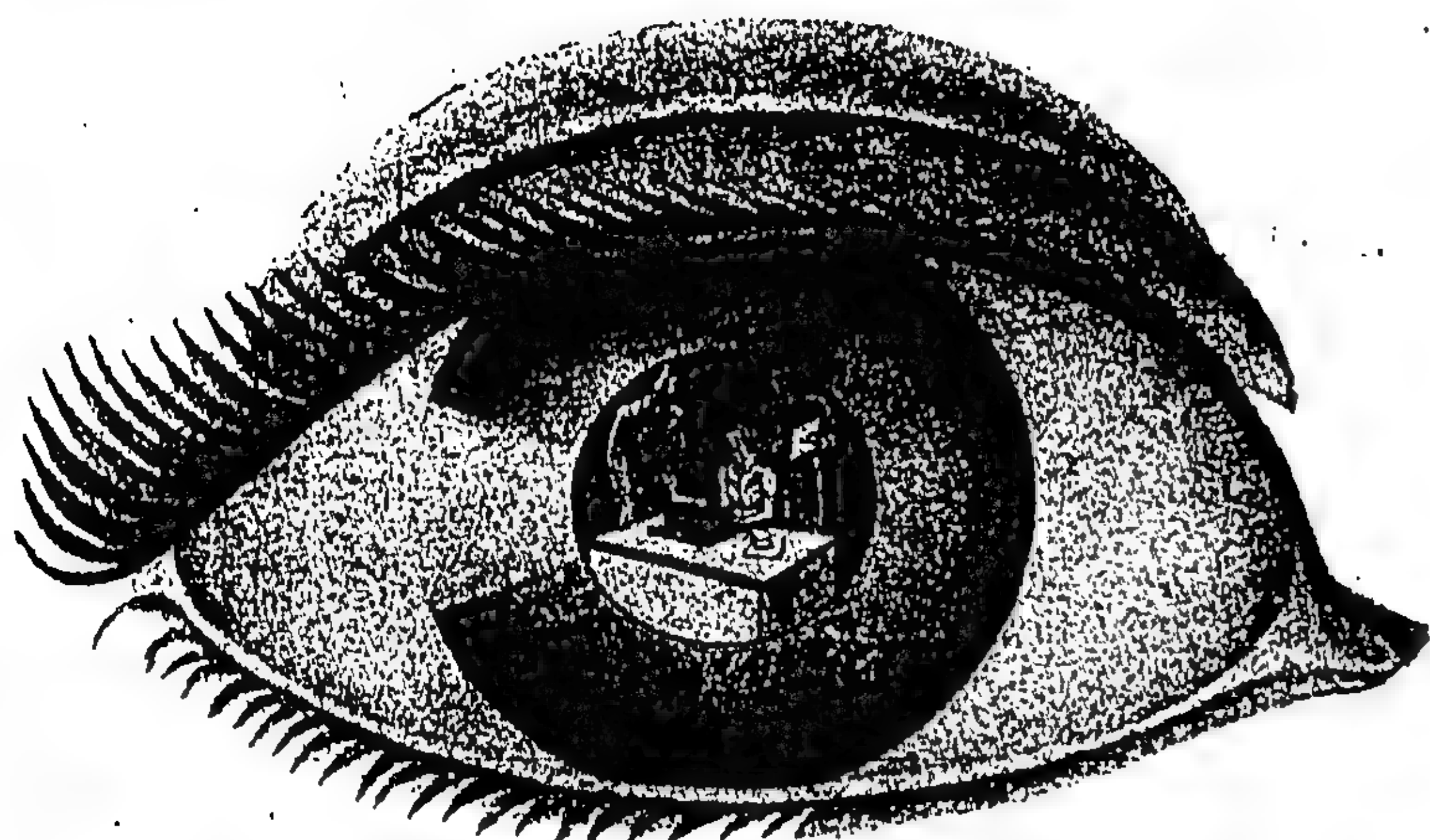
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THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S CORNER

By Mariel Nissen

TWO newcomers are introduced to philately in issues coming from Sweden and France.

The centenary of the death of Pehr Henrik Ling is being observed in Sweden by the issue of a two value stamp set in his honour. Ling was the inventor of the Swedish system of gymnastics and calisthenics, and founder of the Royal Gymnastic



Central Institute in Stockholm. A man of many talents and capabilities, he could be honoured for several other achievements. The future gymnast obtained a degree in divinity in 1797 at the age of 21. He travelled for a few years, then returned to Stockholm to become a fencing instructor. The study of medicine next attracted him, and his

interest in anatomy and physiology led to his work in gymnastics. He also achieved recognition in Swedish literary circles for his verse. Ling died on May 3rd, 1839, the date now being commemorated on the stamp. The set consists of a 5 ore and a 25 ore value, each carrying a portrait of Ling with commemorative dates.

Modern art is the field served by the new French stamp, which honours Paul Cezanne on the centenary of his birth. The adhesive has a value of 2 francs 25, and is printed in blue. The central design is a portrait of the artist against a background of the Pyrenees. A bottom panel pictures the palette and brush of his calling, with Cezanne's signature. The dates "1839-1906" also appear—the years of his birth and death.



From the Portuguese colony of Mozambique comes a semi-postal set of two values picturing a mother and child. Values are: 40 centavos, green, violet, brown and black, and 40c, yellow, gray-black and black.

STAMP TEASERS

1. A man named Gediminas played an important part in the early history of what country, on whose postage paper is he portrayed?
2. What stamp set was issued in honour of a lifeboat society?
3. On what adhesive is an angel blowing a horn to summon troops?
4. A whaling vessel appears on what stamp?

5. What stamp portrays two generals who opposed each other in a famous battle?

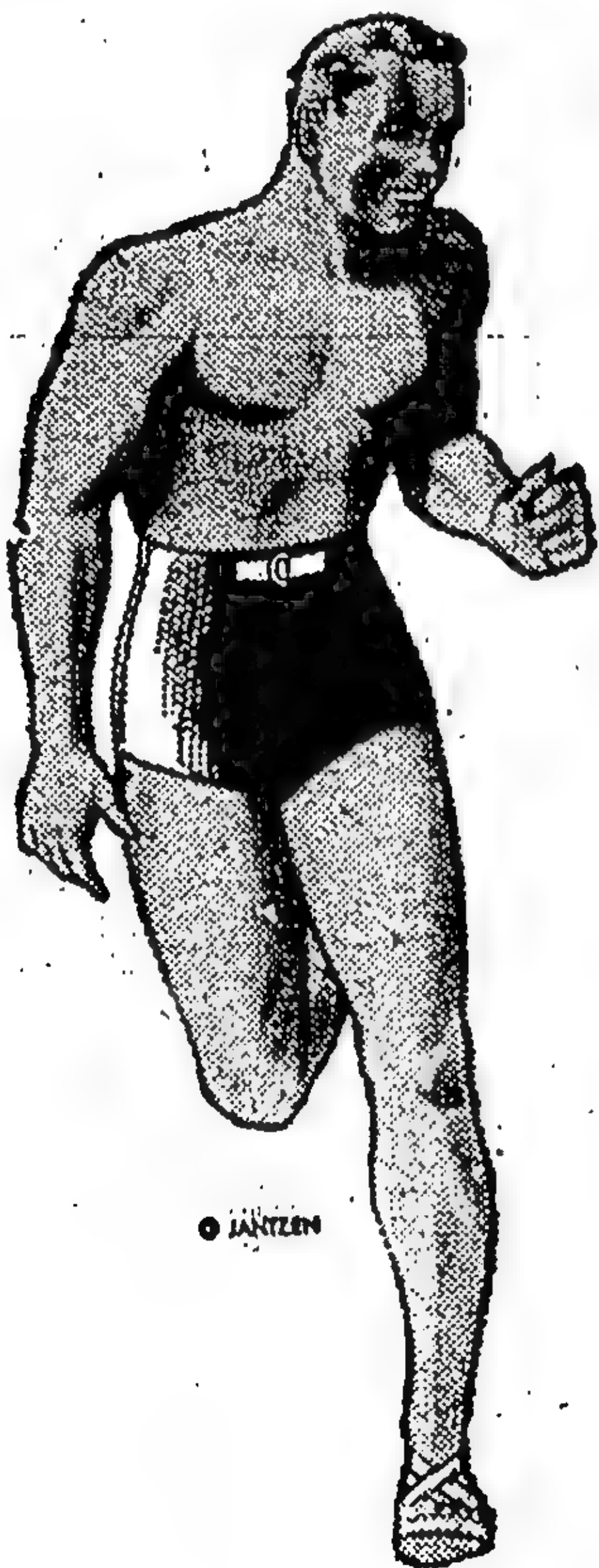
TO LAST WEEK'S QUIZ

1. The Hungarian lyric poet, Alexander Petofi, is pictured riding a griffin on a 1928 stamp of his native land.
2. Zwirki and Wigura, Polish aviators, made a circuit of Europe flight in 1932, for which a commemorative stamp appeared the following year.
3. "The Pitons" is a rocky formation of St. Lucia, on whose stamps you will find it pictured.
4. The various stages in the life of a silkworm are depicted on a 1930 stamp of Lebanon.
5. The kookaburra is a curious little bird which appears on Australian postage.



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"A Felony Compounded"

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man poured it out desperately then on a deep sigh he got hold of composure again. "It was what she wanted—she didn't trust you—didn't know you had pulled up. How could she know? And she trusted me to look after you if you will only let me." He was eager—placatory—but Barry Gaine shook him off.

"My God!—you old scoundrel! To rob me like that. And that other will—I suppose you destroyed that, just to make certain of your job—your forgery—eh?"

Dr. Flodd was suddenly alert and eager. "Oh!—no, look, here it is. I've got it in the drawer here. Your grandmother trusted me with everything—when you so disappointed her." Quite eagerly he brought out a big legal parchment with actually an air of triumph.

The younger man gaped at him in positive dismay.

"Look here—you don't seem to realise what you've done. You've forged a name to a will and seem to think nothing of it."

"Yes. And now I know it isn't necessary. If your grandmother had seen you she wouldn't have made this last will!" Dr. Flodd was suddenly laughing, with the manner of a mischievous urchin. "Look here—you won't take the money from me, but suppose we burn this sheet of paper and forget it. I'm sure," he was positively pleading now, "sure you mean to go straight. Let's burn it and forget it!"

"So now you're frightened you think you'll get round me to save your skin," with absolute scorn Barry Gaine spoke. "But what sort of a tale would you have made if I hadn't found you out, I wonder? No—you don't get me compounding a felony, you old scoundrel. We'll have it all out—wonder how you got round the witnesses of this precious will? It will be interesting to see—"

"Oh—don't do it! Don't ruin me! I only did it to please her—I meant no harm." But the young face was hard, Gaine was shaking his head.

Dr. Flodd turned from him, his hands up to his face, and went back to the desk. Gaine watched him for a moment and then turned, rather uncertainly, towards the door. The old man was pitiable in his pleading, the boy remembered childhood when the old doctor had been his greatest friend, often standing between him and punishment for his many—

A sudden scuffling movement and a rush of steps swung him round in time to see the old man suddenly come to life, snatch at the sheet of paper lying on the desk and crumple it into a ball that was in the heart of the fire before Gaine could move to save it.

"Ah—there—that's done," Flodd said. "Now—here's the original will and I know you'll make good use of the money for that baby that's coming. You won't make a fuss over nothing now, will you?"

Barry Gaine stared at him, his jaw dropping.

"Good Lord!—but if I hold my tongue I tell you it's compounding a felony—" he cried.

"Well—what's a little thing like that between friends. Your dear old Grandmother would want you to have the money if she knew how things are now—why disappoint her again just for the sake of words? Hold your tongue

and so will I; and here's the right will—just take it up to town and get probate and all's well."

Barry Gaine stared at the beaming old face in utter bewilderment. It seemed impossible to think of this simple old man standing in the dock, charged with one of the greatest offences against the law.

At last he was persuaded out of the house, carrying the will that made him the heir.

"And you won't do anything about my mistake—will you? You'll let me off? I only did it to please the poor dear?" Those were Flodd's final words that rung a stammering promise from Barry Gaine that he was safe.

When at last the door was shut behind him Dr. Flodd was breathing hard, as if he might have been fighting a desperate battle. Back in the library as he collected hat and doctor's case to go home to his own peaceful fireside he was smiling.

"Well—you must deal with a fool according to his folly, so we're told. That silly, warm-hearted idiot would have stuck to it and not taken anything from me, if I hadn't got round him. There's one thing, though, I mustn't forget." He went alertly across to the fireplace and rung the bell. When the maid came he was the calm man with the air of authority whom she was accustomed to see.

"Maggie," he said quietly. "You remember a few days before your mistress died she fetched you up to her room, so she told me, and made you watch while she signed a paper, and then you and cook signed it too. Do you remember—Mrs. Gaine told me about it?"

"Oh, yes, Doctor. We held the paper on a book for the mistress to sign her name before we did."

"Yes, yes—that's all right, my girl. Well, your mistress changed her mind about that paper, afterwards; had it destroyed. So you—you don't need to remember anything more about it. Mrs. Gaine—would want it forgotten. Do you see?"

"Yes, sir—thank you, sir. I understand," the maid who had known Dr. Flodd as an easier of her pains all her life was perfectly tranquil under his direction. "Shall I tell cook, sir—to forget all about it?"

"Yes—just explain that your mistress wouldn't want you to trouble to remember anything more about it. That's all, Mary. Good night."

For a moment when he was alone again Dr. Flodd stood still, looking about the room where he had so often talked with his old friend. He was smiling gently, and out of the shadows born of the firelight he could almost see an old face that smiled back. And still more certainly he could hear a whispered sigh of satisfaction.

"That's all right, my old dear," he whispered. "I knew you'd have been pleased if you had seen the boy as I have seen him to-night. He's going to be a credit to you, and that's all that matters"—he grinned his impish smile again—"What's a little thing like turning myself into a criminal compared with that?"

At the door he looked back again before shutting it. "Good-night—rest well. I've done what you wanted, I know."

He waited and listened to that satisfied sigh, then left the room at rest in the dancing light of the fire.



Miss Doreen Weir, who will dance at the "Grippe" to-night at the supper dance held by the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives.

"Perhaps I'm hard to please . . ."



When I was younger

I didn't much care what I ate or drank or smoked. But nowadays I take my pleasures, not sadly but seriously. I suppose you would call me faddy. I hate to be put off with second-best, no matter what it is. I won't eat a peach unless it is English. If I order caviare it must be Beluga.

You see what I mean about whisky.

While I can obtain a whisky as soft and smooth as a fine liqueur, why on earth should I be put off with anything less than White Horse? I admit that perhaps I am hard to please—but take it from me, it pays."

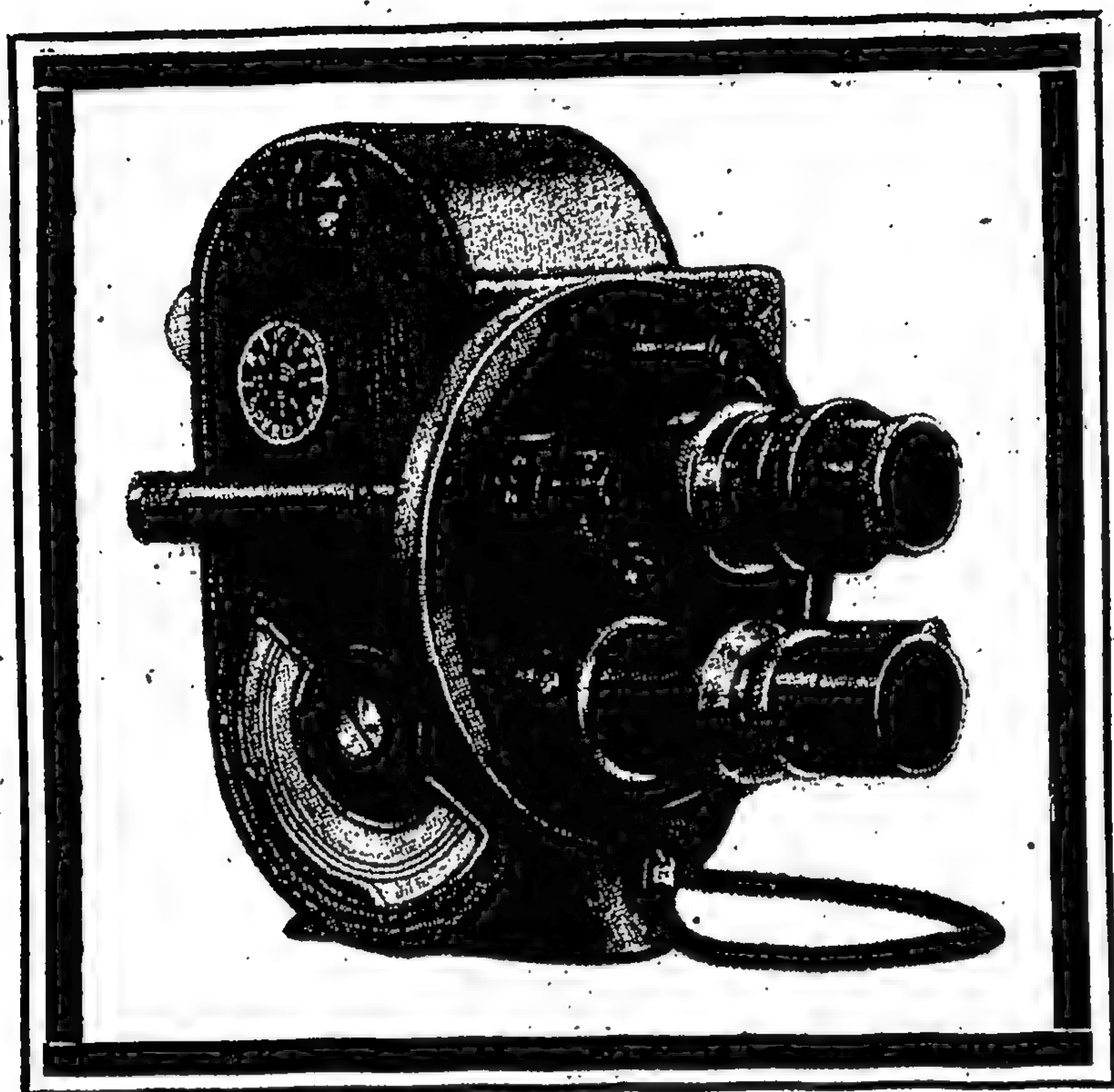


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These were happy days for the
man who now keeps Europe trembl-
ing while Goering's sword hangs
over his head. There was time
for drinking, a chance for a smoke,
and if his affections strayed to the
wife of a Nazi chief, how easy to
persuade the Fuehrer to order the
husband to Vienna or Paris!

But those good times were not to
last. There was a plot on foot
against the Fuehrer's life, and al-
ready secret visitors at night had
given poor Maximilien Bauer cryptic
warning of the fate that awaited
him.

So it was that on the night of Sep-
tember 29, 1938, nine men sat down
to dinner at the Hotel Continental
in Munich the night before the
"Peace" was signed. All of them
together had laughed till their bellies
ached when Mr. Chamberlain had
said au revoir at Godesberg. To-
morrow was to be the great day of
triumph. Chamberlain and Daladi-
er would crawl to their orders.

Hitler himself, ascetic to the last,
sat with only an omelette before him.
He was gay. It was to be a great
evening. Suddenly he crumpled in
his chair. His face seemed tor-
tured. A Jew, a Catholic and a
Protestant had conspired to poison
him. The plotters, two of them
seated at this same table, had suc-
ceeded.

Consternation in the Nazi con-
clave. The world must never know.
Nothing must be allowed to spoil to-
morrow's victory. And so Little
Adolf steps up into the place which
he holds to-day. He picks up the
dogwhip, burns his coloured wig.
It was not his choice, but the only
alternative was death.

And now the victor of Munich and
the conqueror of Prague remains a
figure of pity. He pines alone while
the world fixes upon him its hatred,
awe and fear.

Every day the secret becomes
more difficult to smother. His
amorous taste betrays him in the
presence of women. Nothing can be
kept from the prying eye of his
valet. His dentist for want of tact
lies in a concentration camp. The
French Ambassador has his suspi-
cions.

Any day now he will make an
end of it all. But he is determined
not to take his whole story to the
grave. So he came to write this
astonishing "confession." It went
first to a bank clerk in Nice, and
through him to an officer high up in
the German merchant marine.

It was this officer who took it to
New York and delivered it into the
hands of the publishers who now

give it to the world. It comes,
they say, from "unimpeachable
sources."

A successful lie must be a big lie.
That was Hitler's own maxim, and
he can hardly complain if others
turn it to profitable account.

Already gullible America has
swallowed the bait. And if the
censor had not intervened on politi-
cal or pornographic grounds, gullible
England might have done the same.

It is the hoax of a lifetime. And
clearly the author knew his public.
America has no love for Adolf Hit-
ler; she was willing to see him dead
without inquiring too closely into
details.

Still, it was careless to have for-
gotten that Hitler was not appoint-
ed Chancellor until two days after
Schleicher had been dismissed;
stupid to suggest that Hitler "Heils"
himself.

Stupid, again, not to have called
in the aid of a German scholar;
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Almighty) looks much better than
Herr Gott (which means Mr. God)
and by 1933 Germans talked of
Reichsmark, not Rentenmark.

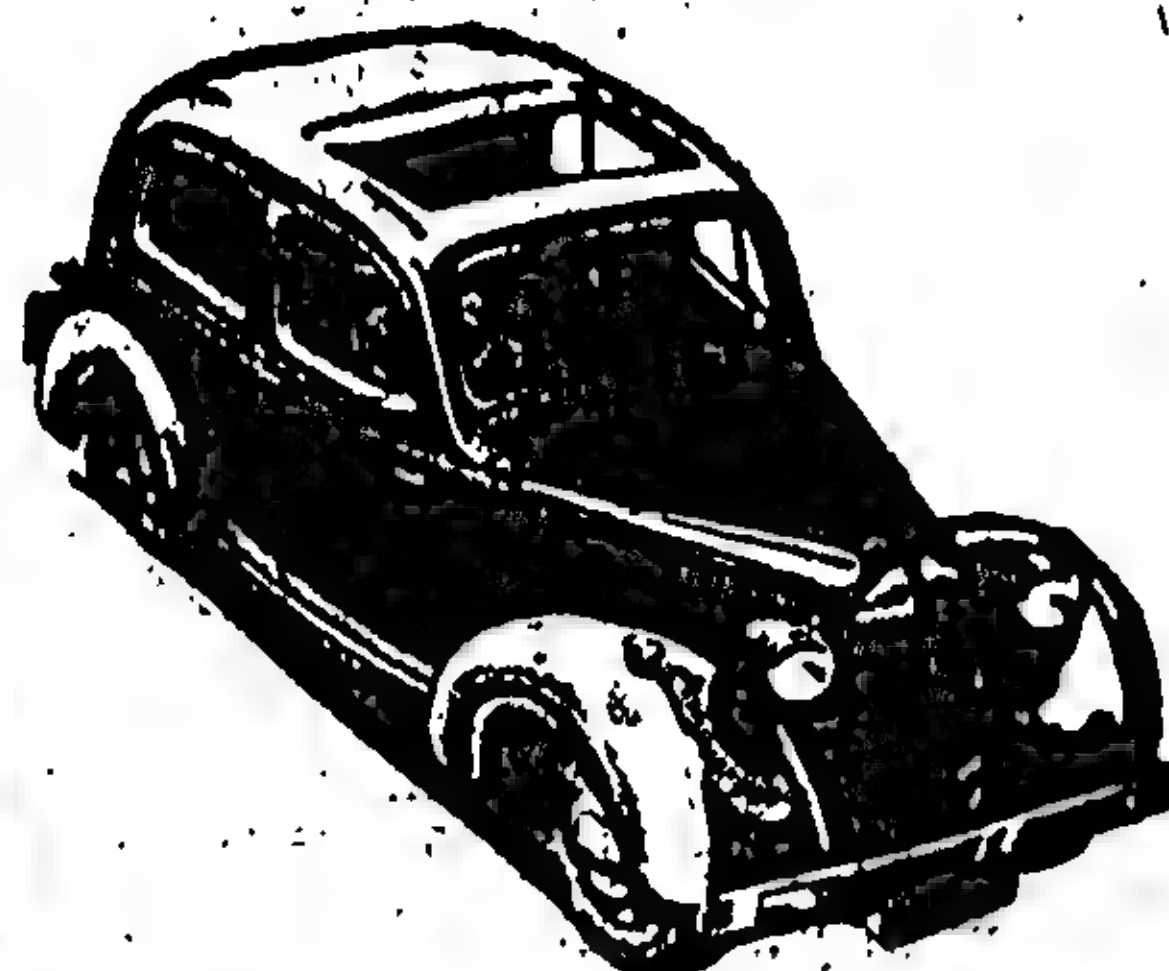
Perhaps, however, a satirist feels
that he need not stoop to mere ac-
curacy. Perhaps he was intent
only on putting across his message.

Here, for instance, is Goebbels's
fine peroration to the whole book.
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Do you think we are legalists, par-
liamentarians, orderly, law-abiding
citizens? And where could this
movement have gotten if we had
been? We are thugs! Is that clear
to your cracked cranium? We are
rowdies, brawlers, gangsters, if
you insist."

Thus the story ends. Maximilien
Bauer summons all his courage to
save himself from misery and the
world from war. And somewhere
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America is a satirist turned hoaxer,
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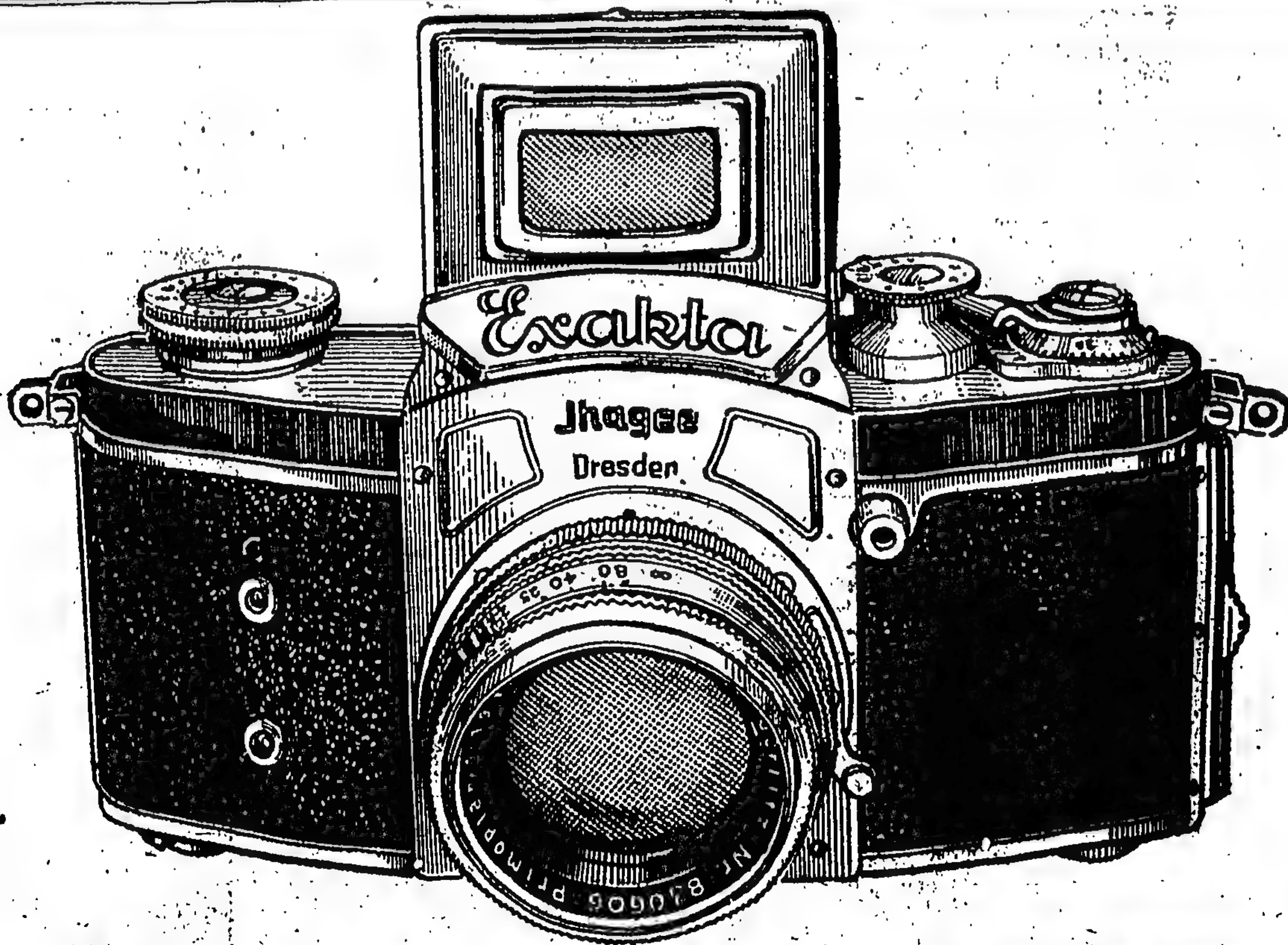
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Miami Beach Fashions—A Splash Of Colour

Although summer fashions have been parading at this resort all winter, about this time of year Miami Beach turns back the clock to spring styles. Having launched the gay, colourful clothes that will be worn all over the country during the coming warm season, the chic couturiers here are now definitely concentrating on spring hats and suits, such as may be worn in northern climes before many more weeks have passed.

New spring accessories, and hats especially, are artfully contrived to add to the loveliness of the wearer but never to detract from good taste. This season one must dare to be different—different but not freakish; arresting but not obvious.

Basically the spring costumes are rather simple. But accessories add a merry insouciance that fashion has never quite achieved before. Hats definitely take the lead for interest. They're skyhigh, they're flat as a pancake, they're veiled, they're flowered and bowed within an inch of their lives, but, withal, vastly becoming.

The silhouette of the spring ensemble has a waistline sharply defined and skirts that flare. Short coats, or boleros that still persist, are pared down to diminutive proportions that nip in just above the waistline.

If one enters into the spirit of the colourful tropics this spring, colour will splash one's wardrobe with a prodigal hand. A neatly tailored chartreuse suit may be topped by a scarlet hat without a qualm, or a pale pink linen-lace afternoon frock may be worn with a cyclamen hat, and sandals to match.

The sort of sentiment that goes with valentines, Dresden tea cups

or Corot landscapes has crept into the fashion world by night, producing frocks that spell spring-time and moonlight. One of the loveliest gowns of this sentimental school, noticed here recently, was made of cloud gray mousseline, with narrow panels of cobweb gray lace streaking the wide skirt. With it went a waist corsage of pale pink roses. Another of the same genre was pink net embroidered in white forget-me-nots from decollete neckline to half the length of the wide net skirt. Another cloudy chiffon was paneled in violet and deep purple and achieved a final fillip of colour by adding a narrow belt of emerald green. There is almost endless variety in these frocks. Pink leads the way for colour.

Although streamlined tailleurs and brilliant accessories are important in the world of fashion at Miami Beach as well as in the rest of the country, the high point of interest in clothes at this resort is ever and always fashions for the sun, gay and careless costumes for the beach.

Seen at the exclusive Surf Club was a costume that exemplifies the current trend toward beach fashions of childish-like charm and simplicity. The young girl was wearing a printed pique swim suit of gentian blue, splashed with white lace valentine design. The camisole top and flared skirt were edged with old-fashioned rickrack, for all the world like grandma's aprons. The jacket worn over the suit was made of quilted pink and white gingham with the same rick-rack edging the hood and pockets. Such a coat is a warm protection against the sea breezes. The attached hood conveniently kept curls in place as the wearer strolled the sands.

Wanda MacDowell.

MOPSY ^{by} GLADYS PARKER



WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By MARY BLAKE

The inclination to discuss relatives and friends disparagingly should be curbed. Too much time will be spent in futile attempts to gain information of little or no value, simply to satisfy an overwhelming amount of curiosity. To save yourself from having to make some future apology, watch the time this day, and make every minute count. If you have to make a virtue of some necessity, it will pay to do so graciously. You may score quite a hit in a social way, but, by neglecting to attend to trifling matter, are apt to subject yourself criticism. It will be difficult to offer a plausible excuse to those who have been inconvenienced by absent-mindedness. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who are in love, must be careful not to make ambiguous remarks and then get angry because they are not understood.

If a woman and May 26 is your birthday, should you ever engage in business be careful it does not ab-

sorb your interests to the extent of making you feel you have no time for sentiment. Remember a great deal of firmness, but are broad-minded enough to avoid being hasty in your decisions. You are usually in a receptive frame of mind for advice or suggestions. Your opinions on business, domestic and social problems, are probably deserving of high respect. You most likely have excellent discernment, particularly in the selection of gifts. Ambition may make you like publicity, and will actuate many of your policies. Through demonstrating, social welfare or missionary work, writing, political activity, teaching, selling or painting your efforts are apt to be well rewarded. In all likelihood your married life will be in complete accord with your wishes.

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CHATTER ABOUT FILMS AND FILM STARS

(By LEDS)

Here is a jitterbug epic, a swing band extravaganza. Built around a feud between a jazz conductor and the manager of a big hotel supper room, it is almost the dramatic end of a hopeful boy who has just landed the first big job for his musicians after weary nights in chop-suey saloons and beer gardens.

The orchestra leader on his first big chance is, oddly enough, a young actor seizing his first real opportunity. In brief John Payne, who not so long ago married the highly promising Anne Shirley. John is twenty-six and has a bright future ahead of him at the Warner Bros. Studios.



Margaret Lindsay is the hotel press-agent and takes the part with the ease of a polished actor, she also is the "Garden of the Moon" heart interest in the film—and very attractive at that!

There is somebody else worth watching in "Garden of the Moon." He is Johnny "Scat" Davis, who was a singer in Fred Waring's Band which came to Hollywood to make "Varsity Show" and Johnny stayed behind to make a name for himself in pictures. Jimmy Fidler America's Radio Ace Commentator plays Jimmy Fidler in the film. It's an authentic performance. "Garden of the Moon" opens at the King's to-day.

VALLEY OF THE GIANTS

The keynote of the Warner Product announcement for the season was Action. And action it is. Here it is offered in a robust melodramatic picture set in the magnificent redwood forest country of the Golden State of California.

A lumber story, premised on an old but none-theless engrossing theme of a young man's fight to prevent land grabbers from annexing his and his neighbour's heritage, gains added stature in its filming, for it is a action photographed in beautiful colour.



Claire Trevor in "Valley of the Giants". Wayne Morris, as heir to the largest forest area in the redwood district and the man the others look to as leader, gives a forthright portrayal. Claire Trevor, as the hostess of a gambling establishment, also performs in convincing manner.

For comedy there is Frank McHugh, and for villainy Charles Bickford, both of experience in such roles and performing up to standard.

Turning in a performance that practically overshadows all else is Alan Hale. In makeup and acting a giant lumberman who like nothing better than a good fight, "Valley of the Giants" opens Sunday at the King's Theatre.

AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA

Fans of Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy, either or both, will find something to dream over for weeks in "Sweethearts," new pairing vehicle of the two songstars. This is not only the best picture

Witty Kitty



A lot of domestic strife could be avoided if men would cease to think the courtin' days are over once the marriage knot is tied.

given them in their frequent partnership; it is in Technicolour with elaborate stage settings to which the process has been exquisitely applied.

Melodies of "Sweethearts," some of them rather charming in the old musical comedy tradition, to those with a sweet ear, are taken from a stage production of the same title, put on in New York way back in 1913.

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Not that they ever get there. For one thing, their departure would break the heart of their poor old impressario Frank Morgan, who would cease to coin money from their golden throats.

When they do decide, playwright Mischa Auer sabotages the plans by a piece of villainy of which only a sinister foreigner like himself could be capable.

"Sweethearts," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayers first big picture in colour, is made with all the skill which the company has at its command, W.S. Van Dyke directing, Hunt Stromberg producing.

It runs for a couple of hours, and it won't seem a minute too much to three out of four cinema-goers.

HOLLYWOOD LOWDOWN

Pat O'Brien co-stars with John Garfield in the forthcoming Warners picture, "Dust Be My Destiny." Jane Bryan gets an important supporting part.

Ellen Drew left for London to play the top femme role in Paramount's "French Without Tears" to be produced by David Rose.

Heddy Lamarr co-stars with Robert Taylor in "The Lady of the Tropics" at Metro Goldwyn Mayer. Basil Rathbone has featured role in the picture.

"Dodge City" Warner Bros. new technicolour epic of the West stars Hong Kong's most popular star Errol Flynn. Olivia de Havilland and Ann Sheridan have prominent roles in the picture.



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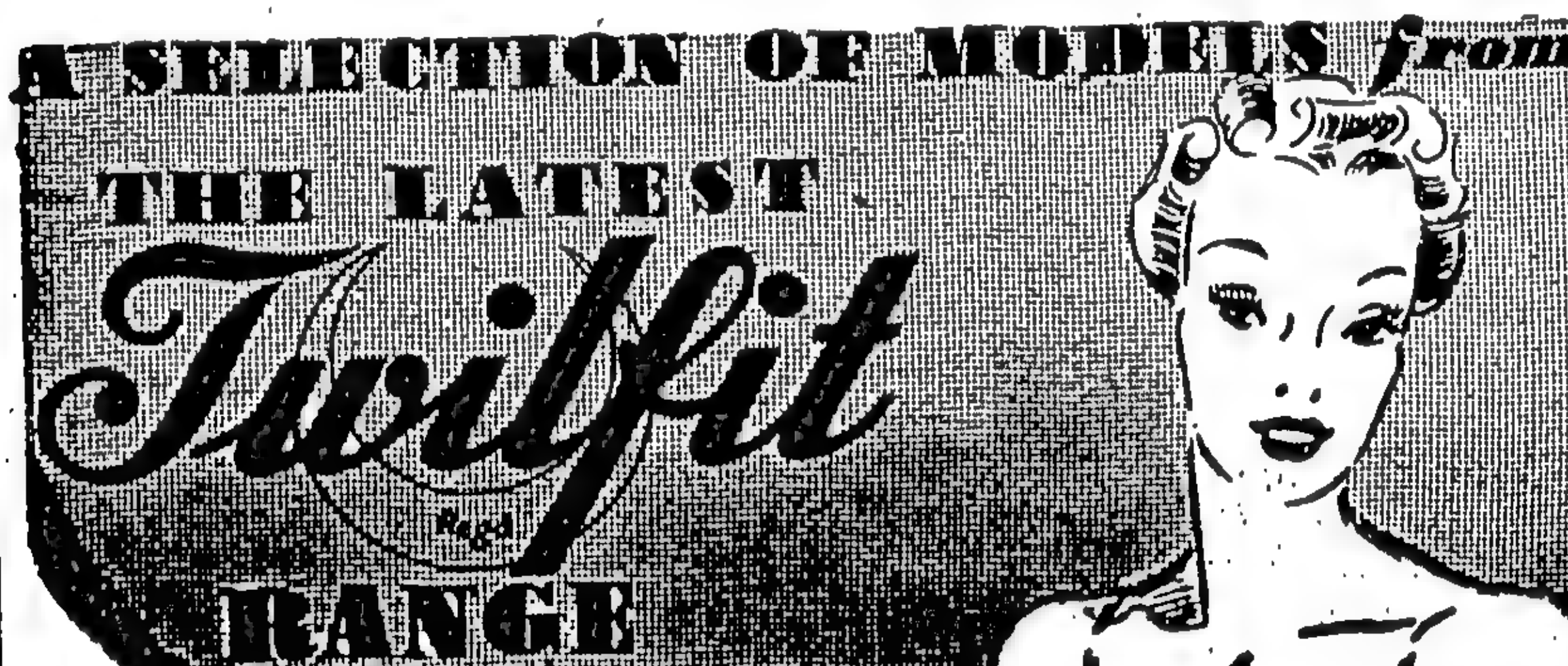
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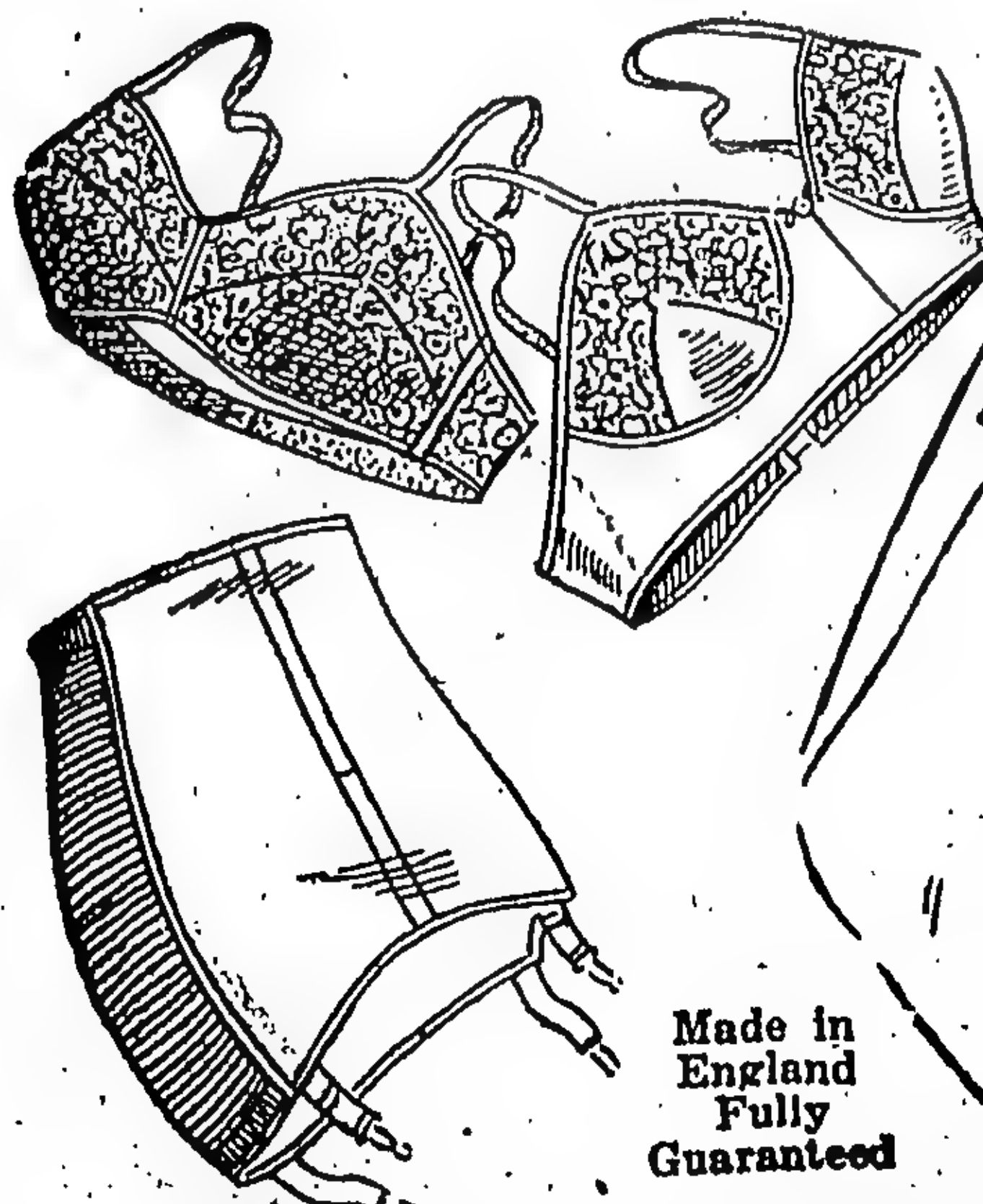


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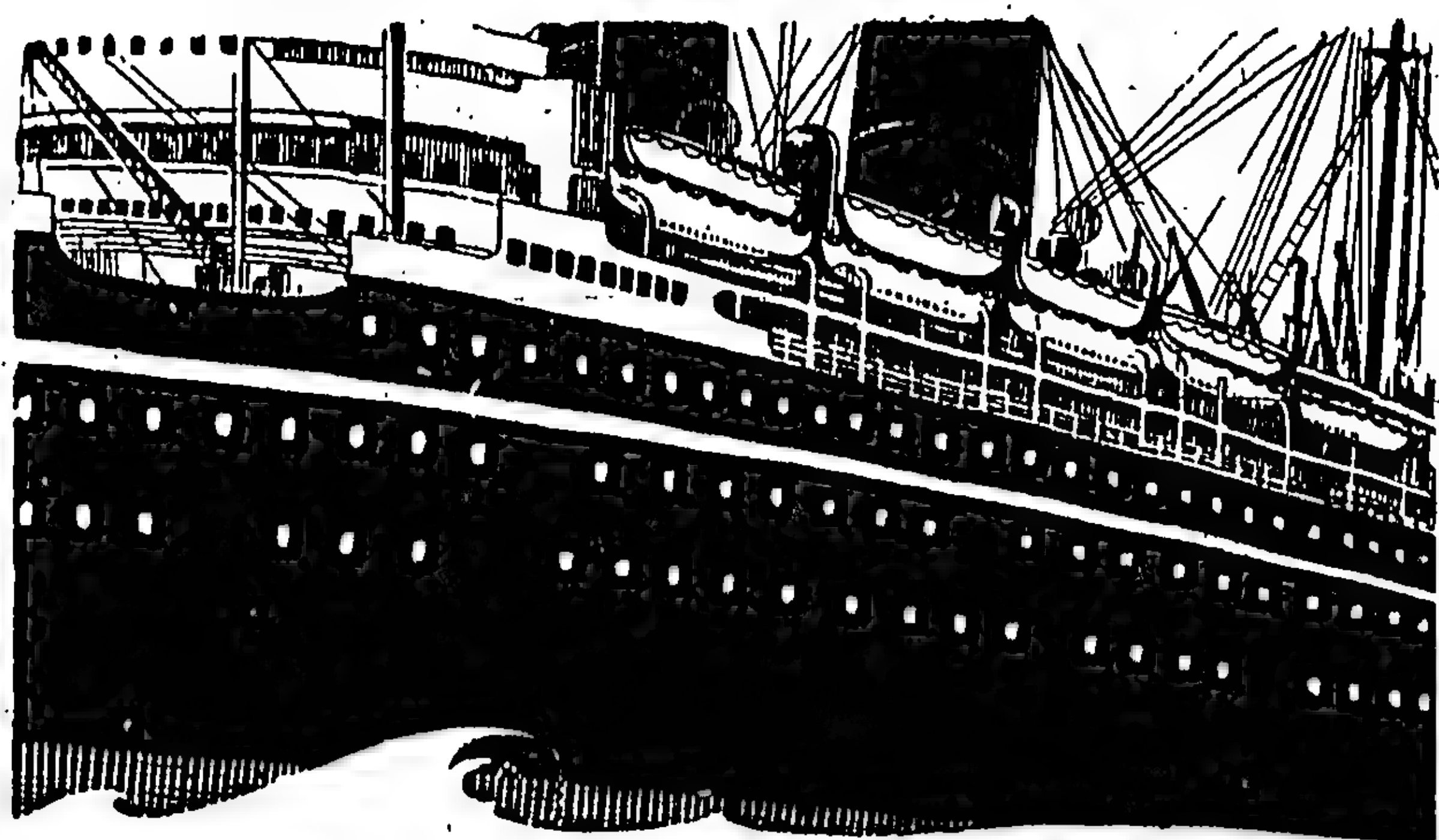


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Fort Bayard	New-Mathilde	May 26, Noon.
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Shanghai and Dairen	Antiochus	Fri., May 26, 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 7th June.	Kamo Maru	Fri., May 26, 3.30 p.m.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
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Formosa, Shanghai and Dairen	Nosiro Maru	May 26, 7 p.m.
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	Ord.,	May 27, 7.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 6th June.	Rajputana	Sat., May 27, 9.30 a.m.
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	Reg.,	May 27, 10 a.m.
	Ord.,	May 27, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Chekiang	May 27, 10 a.m.
Formosa and Amoy	Canton Maru	May 27, 10.30 a.m.
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	Reg.,	May 27, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	May 27, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Pakhoi	Kiungchow	May 27, 2.30 p.m.
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Haiphong	Wing Sang	May 27, 4 p.m.
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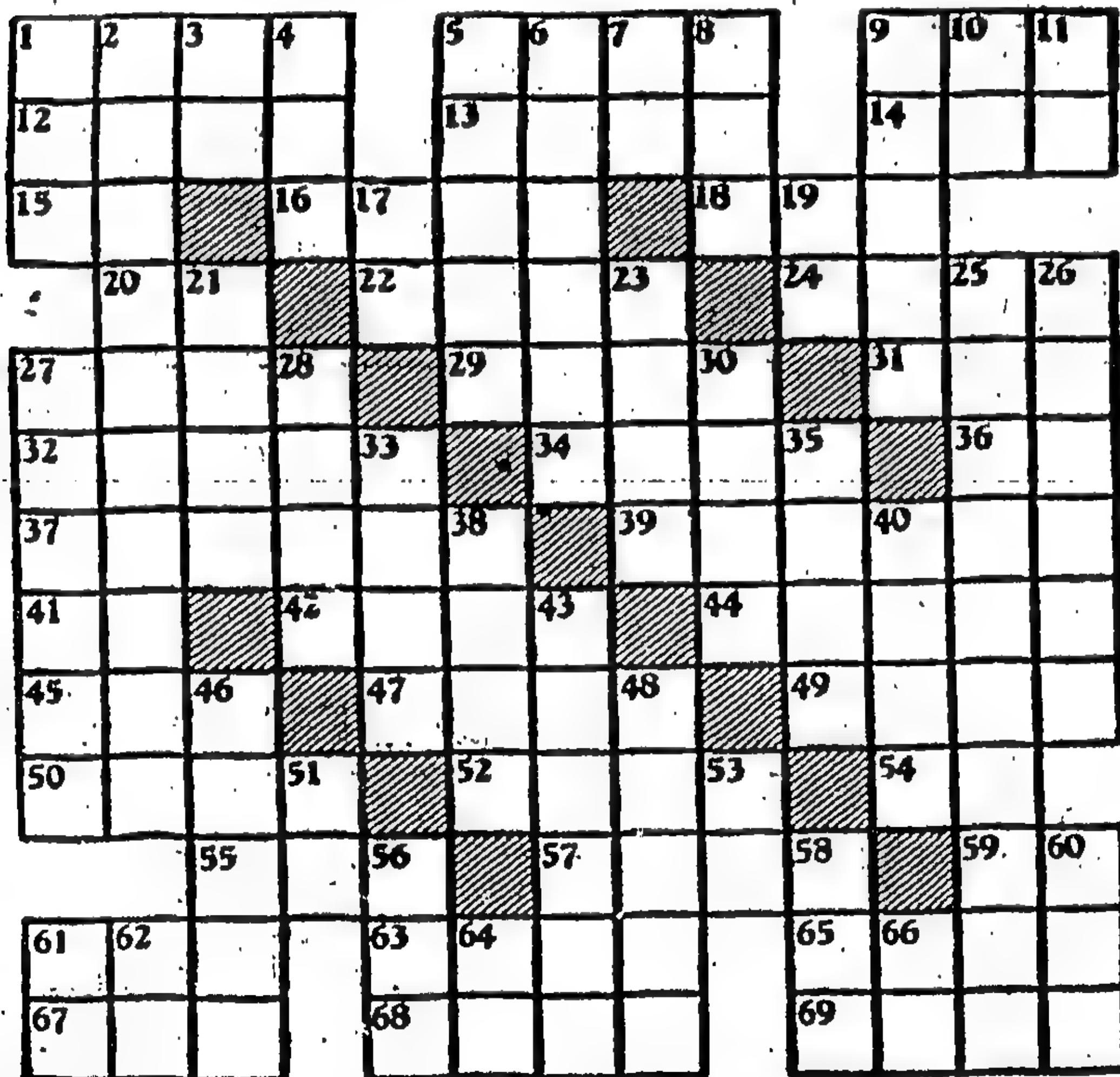
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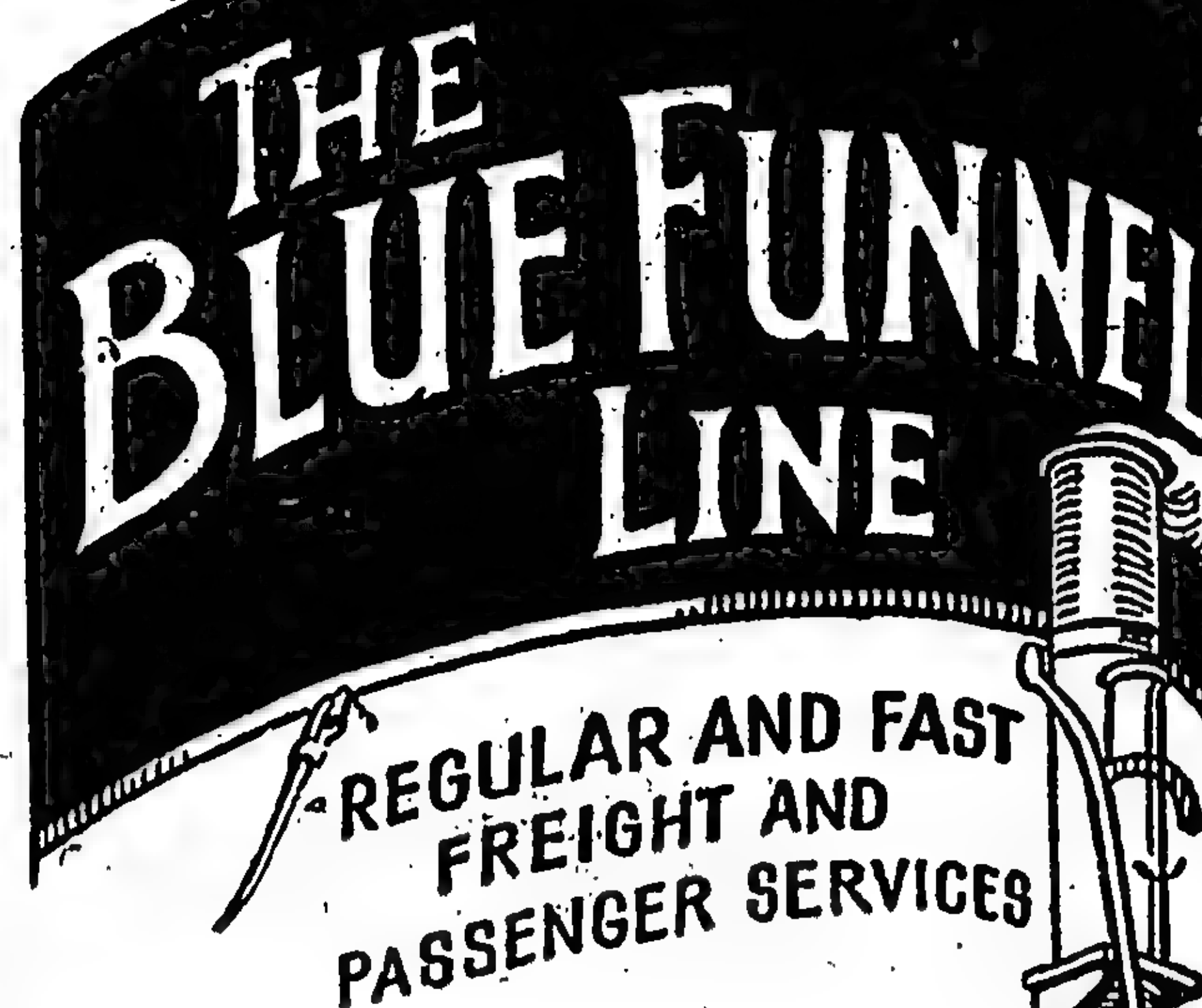
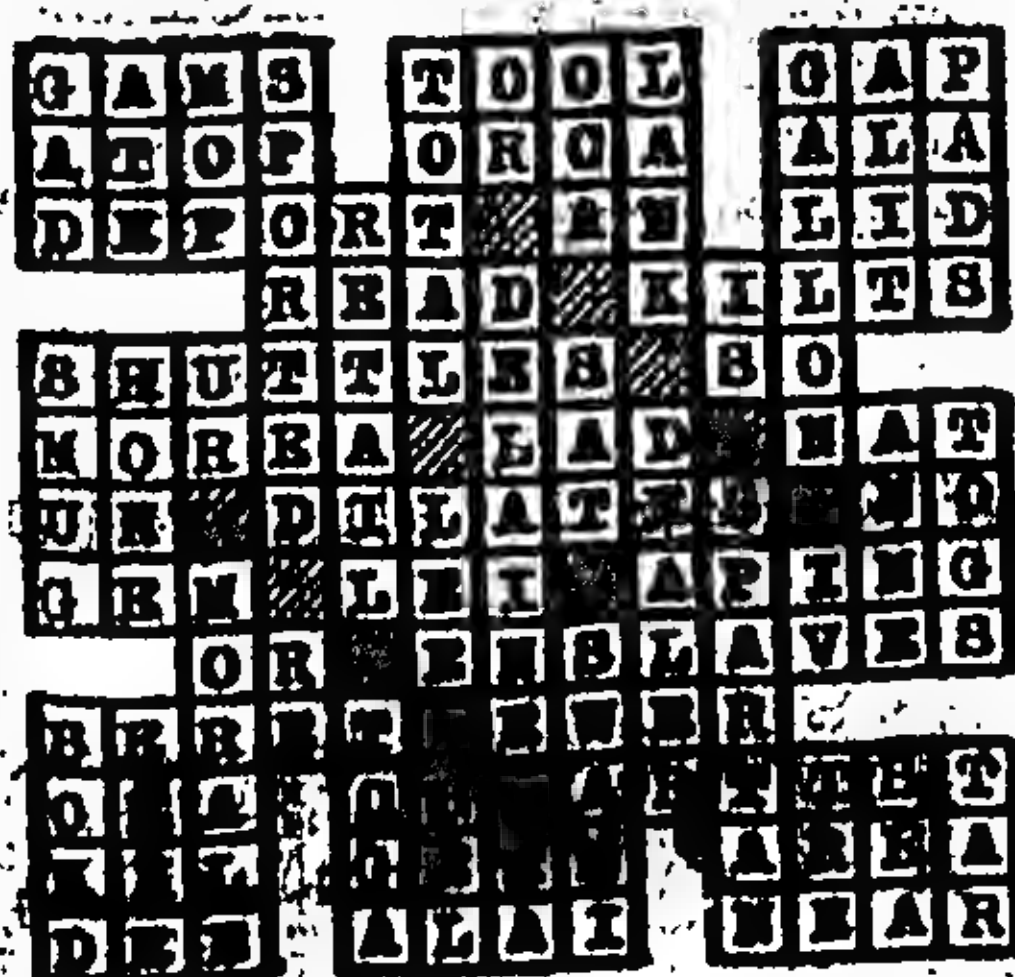
- 1 Fit
- 5 Capable
- 9 To cut
- 12 Preposition
- 13 Piece for three
- 14 Era
- 15 Note of scale
- 16 Collection of facts
- 18 Male heir
- 20 Note of scale
- 22 Melted rock
- 24 Diagonal line of seam
- 27 Rail
- 29 Lease
- 31 Insect
- 32 Quality
- 34 Line of juncture
- 36 Toward
- 37 Walked leisurely
- 39 Pertaining to circles near equator
- 41 State (abbr.)
- 42 A rebuke
- 44 Pile
- 45 Greek letter
- 47 Tense
- 49 Goddess of discord
- 50 Unit of force
- 52 Charge upon property

- 54 News wire service
- 55 Anglo Saxon money of account
- 57 Placed
- 59 By
- 61 To be uncontrolled
- 63 Fries
- 65 Poker stake
- 67 Number

- 68 Otherwise
- 69 South African
- VERTICAL**
- 1 To rest
- 2 Evenness
- 3 That thing
- 4 A bush
- 5 Essence
- 6 Indian warriors
- 7 Chinese measure

- 8 Goddess of dawn
- 9 Frenzy
- 10 King of Bashan
- 11 Pronoun
- 17 Mulberry
- 19 Prefix: toward
- 21 Bedouin
- 23 Dill seed
- 25 Look forward to
- 26 Supplies
- 27 Gazed intently
- 28 Affects
- 30 Thick black substance (pl.)
- 33 Portable lodge
- 35 Small speck
- 38 Pertaining to two
- 40 City in Brazil
- 43 Erects
- 46 Positive terminal
- 48 To tantalize
- 51 Comparative ending
- 53 Nickel (sym.)
- 54 Part of to be
- 56 Small bit
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- 61 To depart
- 62 Any one
- 64 Italian article
- 66 Negative

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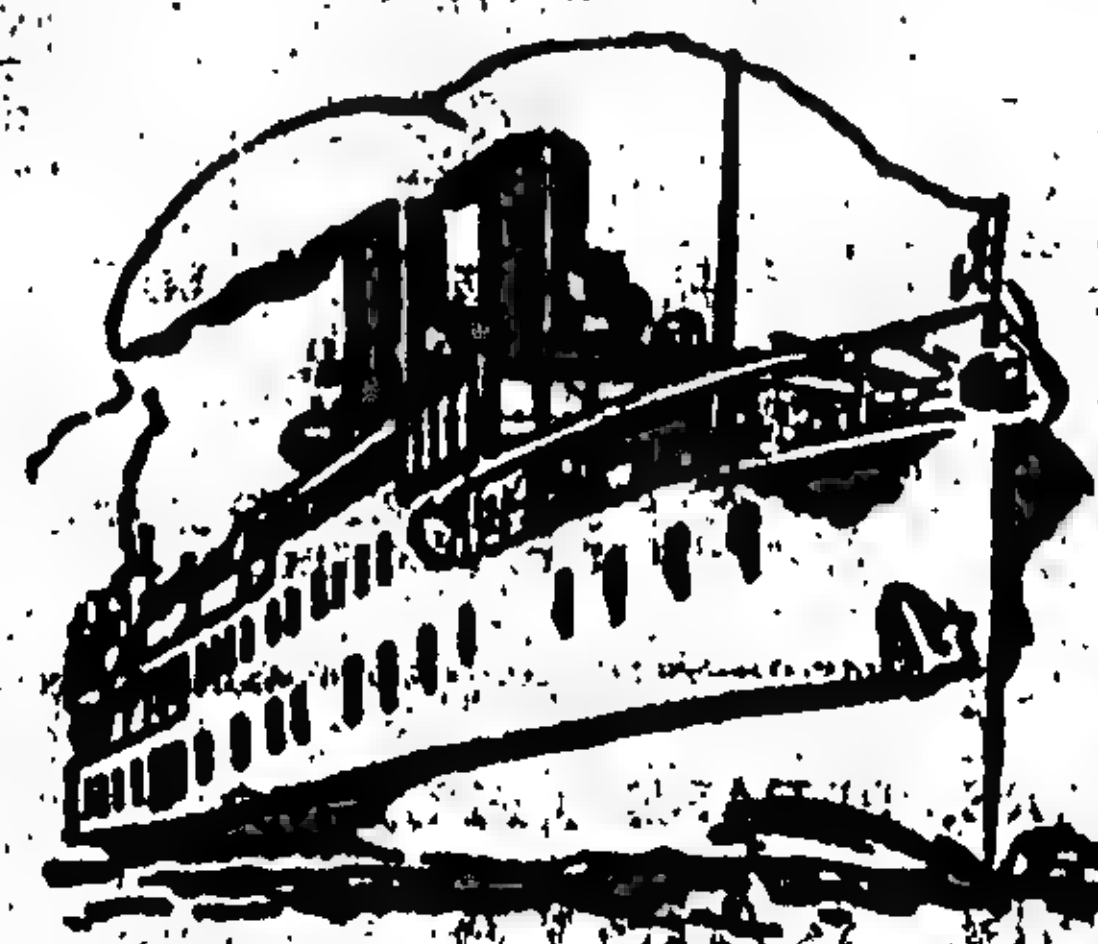
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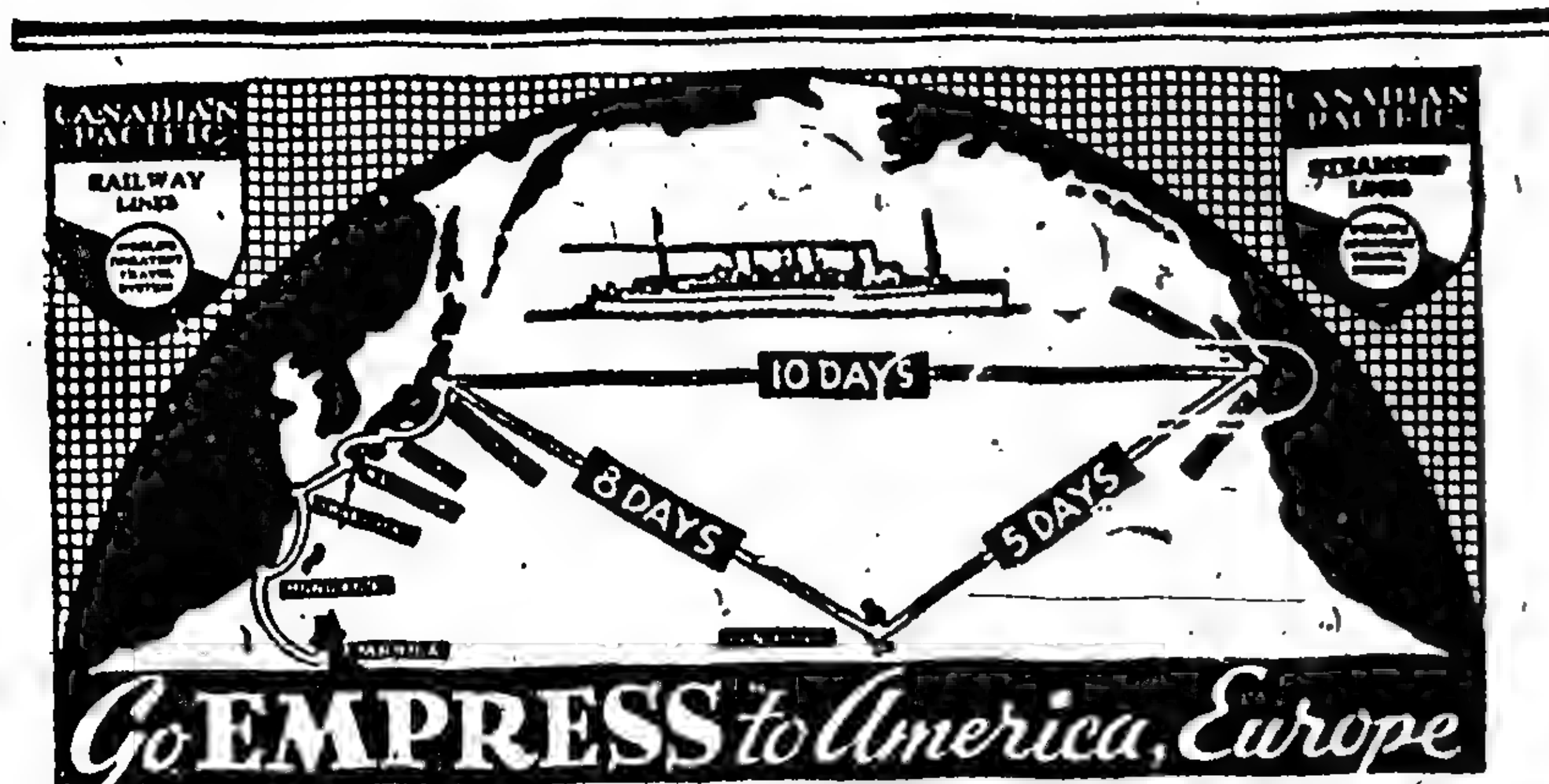
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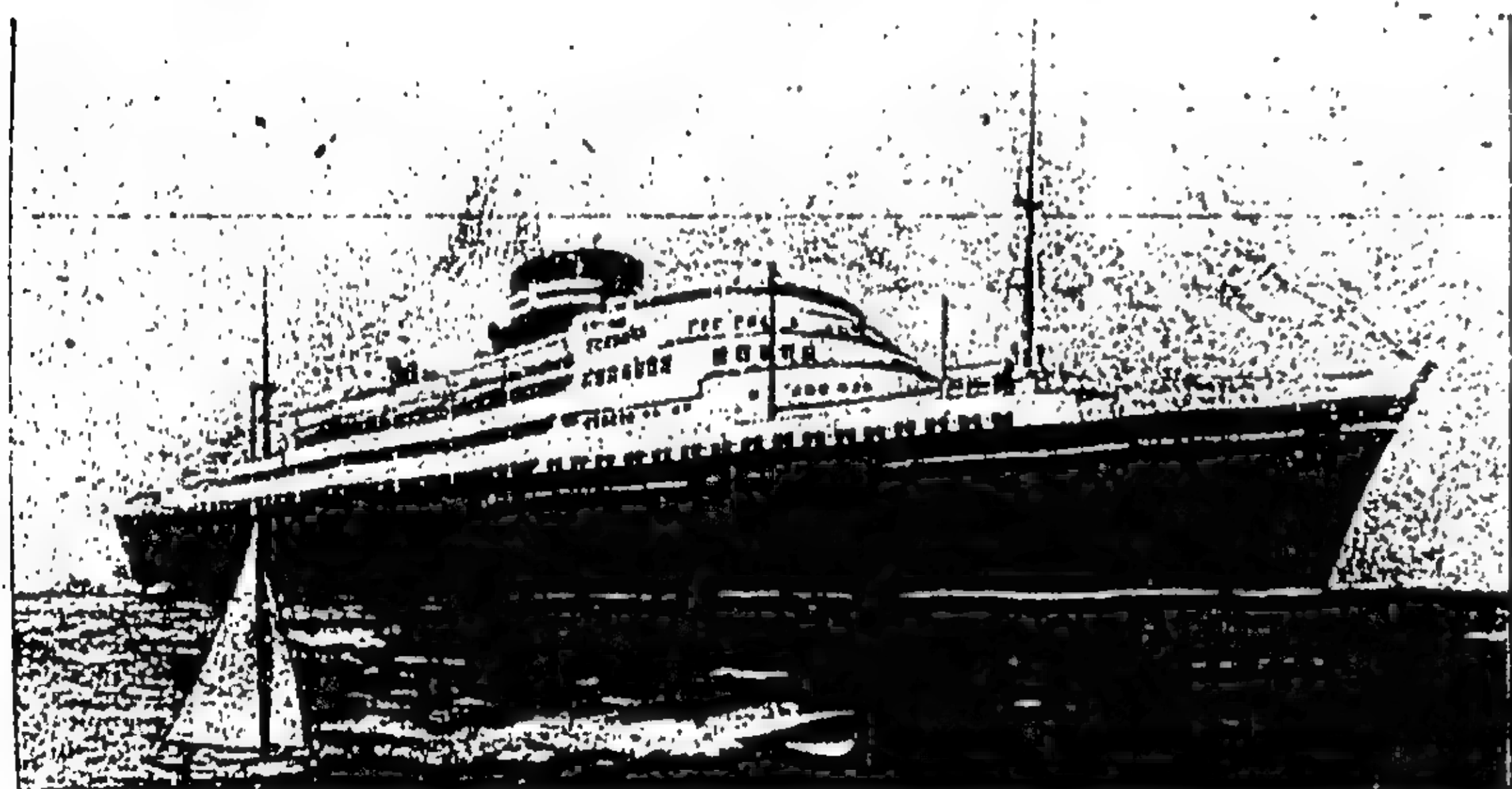
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FATHER WON'T PAY FOR GIRL THIEF

An allegation that she stole on her father's instructions and a statement that she had many times defrauded her friends without his knowledge, were made by a 18-year-old girl and her father at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, when the girl was charged with stealing and illegal pawning.

Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston informed the Court that the girl and her five victims were members of the "Heung Tao" Club, at No. 366, Nathan Road.

"What is the Heung Tao Club?" asked Mr. Macfadyen.

"It is an Escort Bureau," replied Det.-Sgt. Johnston.

Det.-Sgt. Johnston alleged that defendant went to the Club during the complainants' absence, gathered their dresses and shoes and left.

Defendant said she stole because her house had no food.

This was denied by her father, who said he was earning \$25 a month.

Mr. Macfadyen placed the girl on a \$25 bond and ordered her to pay \$3.38 as amends to the pawn shop.

Later she was brought again before Court by Det.-Sgt. Johnston, who said she could not raise \$3.38. Her father had refused to compensate as she was a bad girl.

Mr. Macfadyen ordered the money to be paid from the Poor Box.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by the customs authorities at Tientsin and by the Government of the Netherlands Indies, against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera.

HOME CRICKET

HAMMOND'S BRILLIANT BATTING

London, To-day.

W. R. Hammond, the England skipper, has just touched his best form of the season.

Playing against Warwickshire at Bristol, he gave a magnificent display and flogged the Warwickshire attack to score 192 not out.

This enabled Gloucestershire to score 353 in their one innings and they won by an innings and 16 runs.

In another match that finished yesterday, Glamorgan beat Northants by 6 wickets.

At Bristol, Gloucestershire beat Warwick by 101 and innings and 16 runs.

Warwickshire—181 and 156 (Goddard 6 for 66).

Gloucestershire—353 (Hammond 192 not out).

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At Kettering, Glamorgan beat Northants by 6 wickets.

Northants—191 and 138.

Glamorgan—162 (Buswell 5 for 38) and 170 for 4.—Reuter.

KOWLOON TRAFFIC CASES

Summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning, Miss A. N. Almeida, of No. 194, Prince Edward Road, was fined \$4 for leaving her car attended on the wrong side of Saigon Street between 9.20 p.m. and 11.50 p.m. on May 6.

Pleading guilty to failing to keep his car in good condition when driven by his chauffeur in Castle Peak Road, Mr. J. Ruttonjee, was fined \$10. The chauffeur was fined \$5.

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LAST NIGHT'S CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TALK

"HEALTH, ABUNDANCE, AND SECURITY ARE WITHIN THE REACH OF EVERY INDUSTRIOUS MAN AND WOMAN," DECLARED MR. P. V. ROSS, OF SAN FRANCISCO, IN A LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GIVEN LAST NIGHT AT THE CHURCH BUILDING IN MACDONNELL ROAD.

Mr. Ross, who is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, was introduced by Mrs. Annette M. Rowell, a member of the church in Hong Kong.

Referring to God as Life, and to man as an exhibit of divine Life, Mr. Ross said: "Disease cannot be genuine. This is why sufferers are constantly in revolt against it. If disease were a reality people would have to accept it without protest, for realities cannot be evaded or overcome."

DISEASE NOT GENUINE

"Science insists that disease is in belief, in appearance, or in ignorance, rather than in reality. It belongs in the same category with the belief in the flatness of the earth. For certainly the earth appears flat. Occasionally to this day may be found a person who believes it flat. Obviously the flatness is in his thought, in his ignorance. Some day the simple fact will dawn upon him that the earth is round. Then the flatness will be cured."

"Some day the undeniable fact will dawn upon the supposedly sick man that Life is God. Then his sickness will be healed, because disease and mortality cannot be ascribed to Deity. If God is Life, then Life must be diseaseless, ageless, endless."

MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE

"Human experience," he continued, "consists to a considerable degree in making choices and decisions. Christian Science acquaints the individual with the spiritual facts which enable him to judge and choose wisely and rightly."

A person makes a right choice, he gives himself a Science treatment, when he embraces Life and renounces everything opposed to Life. When he recognises that Life is irrepressible, unconquerable, incorruptible. When he realises as best he can that this resistless Life is his, that it is in full and unrestricted operation right where his infirmity may seem to be. Which means that the infirmity is not

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there, is not his, is not in existence." "Christian Science, discovered and founded by Mary Baker Eddy, has gone as widely abroad perhaps as has the Sermon on the Mount," stated the speaker. "In other words it has permeated universal thought. There is hardly a person in western civilisation who is not talking a different and a better language, who is not pursuing a different and a better life, who is not living in a different and a better world because this great woman has lived and laboured here."



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BRITAIN'S CHAMPION mile runner, Sydney Wooderson, has begun the task of putting himself into racing condition for his great American adventure. This will come in a race over a mile against the best Americans on the world-famous Princeton Bowl in June, a race which is described by the Americans as the "mile of the century." Photo shows—Stanley Wooderson (left) acts as pacemaker to his brother Sydney Wooderson during training at the White City. (Copyright)

To-Day's Tennis Doubtful

It appears to be highly doubtful that the weather will permit to-day's Mixed Doubles League tennis matches to be played.

The following is the programme and teams:

C.R.C. v L.R.C.
K.C.C. (A) v U.S.R.C.

U.S.R.C.:—W. A. H. Duff and Miss M. Griffiths; L. Goldman and Miss A. Tylor; Comdr. and Mrs. L. Clifford.

The match between Recreio and K.C.C. "B" has been cancelled owing to the wet state of the ground, while it was stated at 11.30 a.m. that tennis would be possible at K.C.C. provided there is no further heavy fall of rain. C.R.C. is doubtful. The ground was stated to be very wet but decision to play will be made later.

K.C.C. "A":—E. C. Fincher and Mrs. O. Burnett; A. E. P. Guest and Mrs. Clark; G. C. Burnett and Mrs. Sweeney. L.R.C.:—Miss J. Greig and E. E. Story; Mrs. Beavan and Capt. H. Hyde; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ferguson.

C.R.C.:—Have not as yet picked their team, which will be chosen from:—W. C. Hung, Tsui Wai Pui, Tsui Yun Pui, Paul Kong, Mrs. Chiu Chun-chui, Mrs. E. Litton and Miss Y. P. Leung.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

The Large Units' Cricket Final was notable this year for a rather peculiar position which arose at the first attempt to decide the match. The Engineers obtained a lead of two runs over the Artillery in the first innings, but when they went in to bat again, rain had fallen which had its effect on the wicket with the result that the Engineers lost five of their best wickets for 19 runs. Fortunately for them the next day set for play was wet and they were able to claim that the match had to be re-started. According to the rules, if a two day match is not finished on the dates arranged, the game is drawn and must be replayed.

REPLAY NECESSARY

The replay took place at Sookunpoo on Tuesday and Wednesday and this time the Engineers did better and defeated their opponents by seven wickets.

The game was quite a good one to watch and at the start it looked as though the Gunners were in for a bad time as they lost five wickets for 16 runs. However, Lieut. Skipworth, Burrows and Barsby managed to stay in and the latter found the short boundary to the L.R.C. much to his liking and totalled 44 which included six fours. The R.A. total was 107.

LAND OUT EARLY

The Engineers had a big shock when they commenced their first innings as Land, probably their most consistent scorer this season, was caught for a "duck". However, Q.M.S. Goodyear and Sapper Shaw "did their stuff" and at the close of the first day's play the Sappers were in the enviable position of only being five runs behind, with three wickets in hand, Shaw being not out for 42. On resuming play the next day Shaw was out l.b.w. to Barsby without adding to his score and the remaining three wickets fell for 18 runs making the total 120.

DENYER'S BOWLING

In the first innings Denyer, the R.E. star bowler, had been taken off as he showed signs of being off form and was not troubling the batsmen. In the second innings, however, he made a fine recovery and thanks to his accurate bowling the Artillery were all out for 84, Denyer's figures being seven for 29, a fine average.

Left to get 72 runs to win, the Sappers set about the task in a business-like manner and with the aid of a fine 35 from Heath, scored 74 for the loss of only three wickets.

DIFFICULT FORECAST

It is difficult to envisage what the result would have been had the ruling been that the original match should have been carried on from the score at the time rain interfered.

The Engineers were, without doubt, in a very bad position, but with plenty of batting strength throughout the side and it is quite possible that the R.A. might have had a lot of difficulty in disposing of the remaining five wickets, whilst the R.E. bowlers are a formidable crowd and can be relied upon to keep the score down.

Anyway the match was a very sporting affair and I do not think the result was a wrong one.

NORMAN FOR HOME

The Royal Artillery are losing three of their best sportsmen shortly. Norman, the swimmer, will be leaving on the "Dunera" in a couple of weeks time and his place will be very hard to fill. He is going Home on a course, and may possibly return to the colony at some future date.

CALVERT & CHESTERS LEAVING

Calvert, the Army footballer, is another who is leaving for home on a course. Although he is inclined to be a little selfish on the soccer field there is no doubt that he is a great footballer and has one of the hardest shots in the Colony, with his left foot. His team mate, Chesters, who plays at centre-forward in the 5th A.A. Regt's team, will also be going and although he has not been long in the team, he quickly made the position his own and looked like going higher in the football field.

Ogden, the R.A. water polo player, is another who is leaving and will further weaken an already disorganised R.A. polo side this season.

SWEDISH DRILL EXERCISES BY KWONG WAH

The Kwong Wah Athletic Association will bring their 1938/1939 Season to a close on Monday, with field sports which will be held on the Kowloon Football Club ground commencing at 9.00 a.m.

A short display of Swedish Drill exercises will be given prior to the sports and will be conducted by Mr. W. J. Brown who is the prime mover in Kwong Wah's activities and, at the conclusion of the meeting, prizes will be presented by Mrs. W. J. Brown.

In every respect the Kwong Wah Athletic Association can consider their 1938/1939 season a successful one. In the Football League their first team finished by tying with Police for seventh position and they finished fifth in the Second Division.

The Physical Training Section has attained a membership of over 80, the great majority of whom have shown considerable keenness at the drills.

The following are the winners of the three cups which have been donated to the Physical Training Section of the Kwong Wah Athletic Association:—

Section attendance at Physical Training Classes:—Section 3. (Leader—Mr. A. R. de Pinna.)

Physical Training Competitions:—Section 1. (Leader—Mr. Chan Man-kai.)

Individual attendance at Physical Training Classes:—Chan Man Kai, Cheung Hon Fai, Wong Man Kwong, Baktour Singh. These four members tied with 100 per cent. attendance.

DAVIS CUP

HONOURS EVEN

London, To-day.

The Anglo-French tennis matches in the third round of the Davis Cup, European Zone, resulted in a score of one-all at the end of the first day.

The first match which was played yesterday afternoon at Wimbledon, before packed stands, resulted in a hardfought victory for the English player, Charles Hare, over the young Frenchman, Destremau, the score being 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 14-12.

The second match between the Frenchman Boussus and the English player, R. Shayer, ended in expected victory for the veteran French star, the score being 6-2, 6-4, 6-0.—Trans-Ocean.

Destremau, adds Reuter, led 3-1 in the second set and 3-0 in the third against Hare. In the final set Destremau led 3-0 and 4-3 but Hare taking the lead at 6-5 had match-point twice but was unable to clinch the set.

Destremau also led at 7-6 and 8-7.

Shayer was described as giving a very poor display against Boussus.

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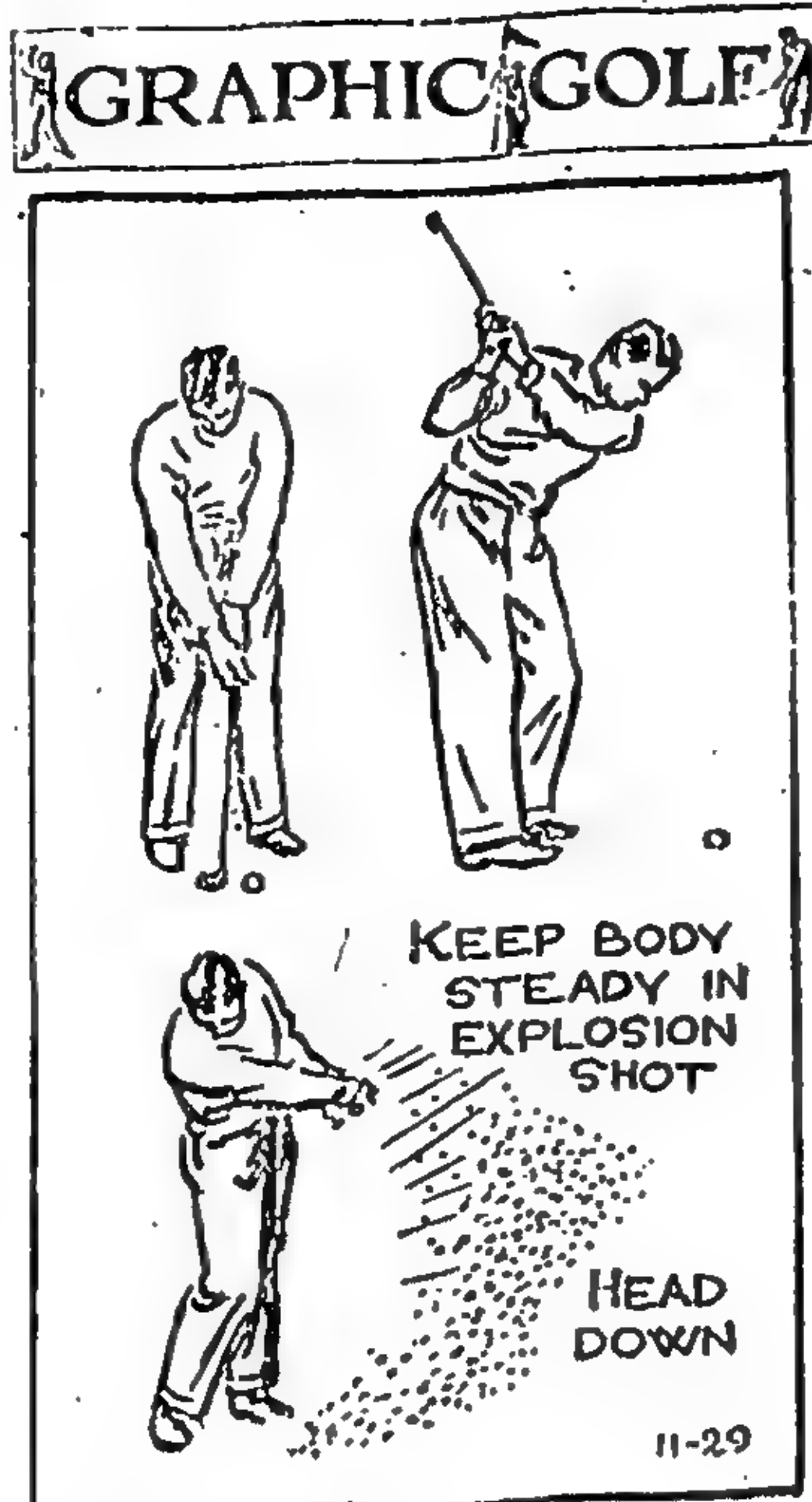
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Keep the body steady during the stroke and the face of the club open to enhance the chances of lifting the ball out as it explodes the sand particles up beneath it. The head should be kept down throughout and the follow through made decisively. If the arms are allowed to collapse at impact the clubhead's velocity will be stopped



in its progress by the friction of the sand. This shot calls for confident performance and the golfer who has made up his mind that he is going to get the ball out approaches the situation in the right attitude.

Monday—Correct Swinging.

AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

BRUEN AND CHAPMAN ENTER SEMI-FINAL

London, To-day. — James Bruen, the Irish champion, and one of the most impressive performers in the tournament, yesterday entered the semi-final of the British Amateur Golf championship which is being played at Hoylake. He beat J. Graham, of Royal Liverpool, 5 and 4.

Other quarter-final results:—
K. G. Thom (Thorpe Hall) beat L. C. Nunneley (Walton Heath) 3 and 1.

W. Holt (Syracuse) beat Nugent Head (Addington) by one hole.

A. Kyle (Sandmoor) beat Tom Hiley (Southport and Ainsdale) 2 and 1.

R. C. Chapman (Greenwich Country, U.S.A.) beat Gordon Peters (Ferenze) by 2 holes.

A. Duncan (Southern Down) beat C. Timmis (Royal Liverpool) by one hole.

M. White (Royal Liverpool) beat S. Roberts (Prestatyn) by one hole.
C. Stowe (Penn) beat Stanley Lunt (Mosely) 4 and 3.

R. C. Chapman, of the Greenwich Country Club, U.S.A., created a surprise in a previous round when he beat Charles R. Yates, also of U.S.A., and the holder of the title.

His victim yesterday was the British Walker Cup player, Gordon Peters, of Ferenze.

Stanley Lunt, who was beaten by Charles Stowe, of Penn, is a former English Amateur champion.

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The Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held to-morrow will mark the penultimate stage of racing for the first half of the racing season under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club.

The Meeting continues on Monday, and the starting bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. to-morrow and 12.00 noon, on Monday, when the tiffin interval will be after the second race.

There are 19 events to be decided, and provided the grass track recovers in good time from the effects of the rain, there should be two days of grand racing.

RACE NO. 1: THE BONDI HANDICAP: ONE MILE.

The opening race to-morrow will be confined to Australian ponies of any season, ponies classified "A" that have won two or more races since January 1, 1939, are barred.

This means that such stalwarts as Lucky Lad and Lancashire Chips will have to rest, but Courting Eve having won only one race, the Brisbane Spring Handicap, is provided with an opportunity of scoring its second win of the first half of this year.

Courting Eve will be carrying top weight of 165 lbs., but this should not prevent it from winning again. It will be remembered that last June, carrying the same weight, this pony smashed the record for the six furlongs distance, which until then had been held by Lancashire Chips.

Criffel (Mr. Needa), carrying 160 lbs., won the Charters Towers Handicap over the two mile post distance, and, although it has come down by 10 lbs., I don't think it can cause an upset. Snowy River came in third to Courting Eve at the previous meeting, and it has come down in weight by 3 lbs., thus receiving an allowance of 11 lbs. from Courting Eve.

In my opinion, Snowy River is the only pony here capable of giving Courting Eve a fight. There is also Triumphant Day to be reckoned with, however, and if it can reproduce the form which won it the Broken Hill Handicap over the two mile post at the third Extra meeting, carrying top weight of 165 lbs., Courting Eve will have to look out.

However, I feel confident that the latter pony will win, with Snowy River second, leaving Criffel and Triumphant Day to fight it out for third position.

RACE NO. 2: LEAD MINE HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS (FIRST SECTION)

In this, the first section of the race for "B" Class China ponies, a most in-

teresting tussle should ensue, with the likely winner coming from one of the following:—

Conquering Time (Mr. Needa)
Eve of Harvest (Mr. Hearne)
Hectic View (Mr. Pih)
Jennifer (Mr. Proulx)
Rob Roy (Mr. Encarnacao).

My fancy is Hectic View, as it has about the best record to date. Carrying 168 lbs., it came in second to English Cavalier in the Mount Gough Handicap over 1 1/4 miles, in addition to which this pony won the Mirs Bay Stakes over six furlongs in the splendid time of 1.26 2/5, carrying 148 lbs., at the second Extra meeting, and then went on to win the Fatshan Handicap, carrying 168 lbs., in 1.29 1/5.

To-morrow it will be carrying 144 lbs. and for that reason, I think it is the best choice for a win. Jennifer is also very fast, and if it does not win, it should give Hectic View a good fight.

Eve of Harvest has come down by three lbs. since winning the St. George's Plate, but I doubt whether it is fast enough over this sprint distance. It is also liable to start badly, as it did previously.

Conquering Time should be well supported, and if allowed to take a big lead, it will prove dangerous. Notwithstanding the above, I have a strong feeling that Humdrum Eve may spring a surprise, provided the mount is given to a jockey capable of holding it until the right moment.

My selections are: Hectic View to win, Jennifer second, and Eve of Harvest or Humdrum Eve third.

RACE NO. 3: WHITSUN HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This may be regarded as the most important event of the day, with probably only four starters:—

Celtic Star (Mr. Tao)
King Kong (Mr. Raymond)
Marksman (Mr. Needa)
Musketeer (Mr. Encarnacao)

These ponies represent the best among this year's subscription griffins, and I shall not be surprised to see the race fought out over the last quarter.

In view of its fine wins previously, Marksman will undoubtedly command the most support, in spite of its heavy burden of 168 lbs. It has won races before whilst carrying 165 lbs.

I expect Musketeer to make an effort to run away with the race and, if not overhauled in good time, it may spring a surprise.

Celtic Star may be too slow over the initial stage, thus leaving King Kong and Marksman to challenge Musketeer. Should Marksman get to within striking distance after coming into the straight, I expect it to win, but King Kong is fighting fit at the moment and if it does not keep too far back, it will provide a strong challenge.

Taking all things into consideration, I nominate King Kong to win, with Marksman second and Celtic Star third.



MR. H. C. PIH is favoured to win the Lead Mine Handicap (First Section) on Hectic View to-morrow.

RACE NO. 4: SHATIN HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS (FIRST SECTION)

This is another sprint affair, featuring the first lot of "D" Class China ponies. Advancing Time won the Taimoshan Handicap over the mile at the last meeting quite convincingly, and for that reason, will be carrying 168 lbs.

With novice rider Mr. Ho Hong-ping on top, it will be given an allowance of 5 lbs. but even then I doubt if it will be able to repeat its previous success.

Ebony Idol was second in the same race, and as it is more of a sprinter, the distance being only six furlongs, I think it will have to be seriously considered.

Night View dead-heated with Ebony Idol, but carrying 168 lbs. may have its effect.

If ridden by Mr. Needa, Sylvandale, despite the heavy burden of 166 lbs., should have something to say at the finish, and there is also Double Chance to be considered. I feel that the result will be most open, with Ebony Idol as the probable winner, leaving Night View, Dekko and Sylvandale to decide the other two places.

RACE NO. 5: SPENCER HANDICAP: ONE MILE

For the first leg of the "Daily Double," an interesting problem is presented those attempting to spot the likely winner of this race, which will be contested by "B" Class Australian ponies, a mixture of the old and new.

Vixen Tor (Mr. Proulx) will be required to carry top weight of 165 lbs., and, as the distance is against it, I think it can safely be disregarded.

Derby Day (Mr. S. C. Liang), although a capable sprinter, will also find the distance much too long. It seems to me that Tornado Star, with Mr. Peter Wei on top, should have a good chance of scoring a win here, but there are Blandford (Mr. Poy) and King's Privilege (Mr. Needa) to be watched.

How well Happy Landing (Mr. Davis) and Rivulet (Mr. Pih), both of this season, will fare against the other ponies is hard to tell, but provided Rivulet is really fit again, I would recommend it for a win.

This pony finished up lame after running in the Rooty-Hill Derby, and has not been seen in action since.

Aztec, with Mr. Raymond up, is another candidate capable of winning. I expect the finish to be fought out between Tornado Star, Aztec and King's Privilege, with the last-named as my fancy.

RACE NO. 6: LEAD MINE HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS (SECOND SECTION)

Among the entries for this race, I like the chances of

Gladiator (Mr. Hearne)
Jobber or Lancashire Lass (whichever one Mr. Raymond decides to take out.)
Oak Bay (Mr. Davis)
Potentate (Mr. Encarnacao)

Potentate won the Canton Handicap over the two mile post distance (second section) at the Third Extra Meeting, and on that account it has been penalised by 7 lbs.

As it is happier over a short distance, I think it will win again.

Gladiator is dangerous, and if Oak Bay can only reproduce a glimpse of its old form, it will give both Potentate and Gladiator a great fight.

Lancashire Lass and Jobber are both very fit, and either one of them is capable of causing an upset. Potentate should win, with Gladiator second and Oak Bay third.

RACE NO. 7: STONECUTTERS PLATE: HALF A MILE

Those who succeed in making the right selection in the first leg of the "Daily Double," will find a rare task ahead of them in making the proper connection in this race, which is the second leg.

The ponies are being taken out by novice jockeys, and an upset almost invariably occurs.

The ponies to watch are:—

Bressay (Mr. Sadick)
Kut Cheung (Mr. Payne)
Gog (Mr. S. W. Lee)
Sports Venture (Mr. C. F. Chiu)
Geordie (Mr. Trevorton)

Gog is a pony that is constantly improving, and at the last meeting it ran quite well, while if Mr. Sadick succeeds in getting Bressay off quickly on the rise of the barrier it should have a good chance of winning.

Kut Cheung is a fast little animal, and it may provide Mr. Payne with his first win at the Valley. The best bet, however, seems to be Sports Venture.

RACE NO. 8: WARWICK FARM HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

Australian ponies of this season that have not won a race will figure in this event, and, from the entries, it appears Baffin Bay (Mr. Wei) is about due for a win.

This pony has been knocking at the door of success for the last two meetings, although for its second place to Sydney Lad it has been penalised by 11 lbs.

The next best contender is Janber, belonging to the Marber stable, with Mr. Raymond as the jockey.

During training for the Annual Meeting, Janber met with an accident which has prevented it from participating in any race. It has evidently fully recovered, and if it does not win to-morrow it might well be borne in mind for a later meeting.

King's Herald was third in the Perth Plate at the annual meeting, but I don't think it is good enough to win to-morrow, while Ruby Star has been a great disappointment, and should not do better than run third.

Ajax is coming along nicely, so watch it on Monday if it fails to-morrow.

I like Janber's chances of winning, with Baffin Bay second and Ruby Star third.

RACE NO. 9: SHATIN HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS (SECOND SECTION)

Another sprint event will wind up the first day's programme, with the following to choose from:—

Diogenes (Mr. Black)
Guinness Time (Mr. Encarnacao)
Heddon (Mr. Wei)
Magog (Mr. Needa)
Wild Bear (Mr. Pih)
Willynilly (Mr. Chao)

Heddon was second to Some Hope in the "Hunchbacks" Plate, which it only just lost. I think it has a good chance of scoring its first win here.

Guinness Time was a failure in the second section of the Taimoshan Handicap, which was over a mile, and it is quite possible that it may redeem itself in this race.

Magog, with Mr. Needa up, should not be overlooked, and Wild Bear is another pony likely to do well.

Willynilly will probably be Mr. Chao's mount. Since winning one of the Wong-Nel-Chung Stakes, this pony has not done anything of note, but it may come off to-morrow.

I fancy Heddon to win, with Guinness Time second and Magog third.



A Discourse On A Subject Of Which Many Players Are Ignorant

By "Skip"

THE LAWN BOWLS RULES

The cancellation of all last Saturday's lawn bowls matches due to rain heavy enough to have gladdened the hearts of all Green Con-veners, gives me an opportunity to write this week on the subject of the rules of lawn bowls.

It is surprising how many players who take part in the game week after week, are ignorant of some of the rather complicated laws laid down by the ruling authority, viz., the International Bowling Board under whose rules all local games are played.

Some of the points I shall mention are known to many bowlers but as there is an increasingly large number of new players each season, my remarks will no doubt be read (and inwardly digested I hope) by players in this latter category especially.

The rules of the game are printed in the Official Handbook of the Association which has just made its appearance and is available in all the clubs or from the Hon. Secretary of the Association, free of charge.

First rule deals with the question of the layout of the rinks. The minimum width of a rink is laid down as 19 feet but there is a local bye-law which permits a minimum width of 17½ feet.

This first rule says that the four corners of the rink shall be marked by pins driven into the face of the bank and flush therewith. The pins at the opposite ends of the rink shall be connected by a green linen thread drawn



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tightly on the surface of the green and sufficient slack shall be left to reach to the pins which have been placed on the face of the bank.

Not Carried Out Locally

Although I have never seen this practice carried out locally, I hope that my reminder may induce greens conveners to study this rule: after all a tennis court has to be laid out to certain specifications and it is only right that we lawn bowlers should follow the rules which have been evolved after much thought and as the result of many years experience.

The idea of the loose thread being left may not appear to be obvious at first but on consideration it will be seen that it may serve a useful purpose in the event of a jack or a toucher being driven into the ditch close to the limit of the rink: the thread would then be stretched taut to the afore-mentioned pin in the face of the bank, to serve as a guide as to whether the wood or jack is still in play. It should be noticed also that it is laid down that GREEN LINEN THREAD shall be used. This, although not obtainable locally, is being advertised in a home-side Bowls paper and I will be pleased

to forward the name of the suppliers on request.

The question of the size and weight of woods and the size of the jack does not affect the individual player as the manufacturers look after that side of the game.

Rule III deals with the conditions of a game, whether so many heads or shots or for a given period of time: it also states that a game stopped on account of the weather, on any valid reason, shall be resumed with the score as it was when play was discontinued. It is also of interest to point out that when the game is resumed, two further trial heads may be played.

Rule IV—Rinks of players—contains little of moment except that the side which last scored shall play first at the next head and as laid down in a subsequent rule re mats, the leader shall have the privilege of placing the mat down.

An unimportant rule under this same head is that a player shall not play until his opponent's wood has stopped: the penalty, if the offending wood has not, in transit, touched any other one, or the jack, is for it to be sent back to the player to be delivered again.

An Option

Should the offending wood, on the other hand, have touched any wood or the jack, the opposing skip may either let it remain where it is, or have the head re-played; from the same end of course.

The same penalty is imposed for a wood played out of turn, but a wood sent up which is not the player's will be re-placed by his own wood. A bowl delivered, which rests less than 15 yards from the front edge of the mat, is considered dead and must be removed.

Section 4 (b) of this same rule, deals with the question of a player being absent in a rink game: in this case, as is generally known, the first two players deliver three woods each instead of two and a quarter of the rink's total score is deducted.

The next rule deals with skips, whom it says have sole charge of their respective rinks and whose instructions

must be obeyed. Further when not in the act (see book X).

This law is frequently broken by players standing at the side of the head, say jack high or short of it; the wording "behind the jack" does not necessarily mean immediately in a line behind it, as obviously there is not room for all the players to be in that position, although I may mention, in parenthesis, that many players insist on crowding round the head to the annoyance of the skips in some cases.

When not in the act of playing or directing, players must stand behind the mat or behind the jack, and as soon as a bowl is delivered the player directing, if in front of the jack, must retire behind it.

The Mat

The mat is dealt with in the next rule and bowlers, especially leads, would do well to study this. Although the gist of the law is known to most, there are one or two little points which are a little tricky.

Advantage is rarely taken locally, I notice, of the ruling which allows the mat to be placed where the jack finished at the last head. Then there is the hardy annual "foot-faulting" which I see in "The Bowls News" is still a source of trouble at home.

The law says that a player shall have one foot in contact with and entirely within the confines of the mat: which seems clear enough.

The trouble is that no workable penalty is prescribed: true, it is laid down that a player, after warning, shall have his bowl removed by the Umpire should he again offend: but there is normally no Umpire in a rink game, especially in the League.

So the offenders—I could name a dozen who are most regular—get away with it!

That an advantage can be gained in some cases is beyond doubt: there are one or two "side-stepping foot-faulters" playing in local bowls, who deliver their wood from a point much nearer the tape than it should be delivered: and thereby gain an advantage which is unfair.

(To be continued)

BOXING FEATURE

To-morrow's boxing feature by Leo Fuller is entitled "Toughest Guy in the History of the ring" and deals with George Lavigne, the second lightweight champion in modern fight history.

These very popular features appear in all editions of the "China Mail" every day except Fridays.

Lawn Bowls Teams

FIRST DIVISION P.R.C.

W. McLeod, C. Dowman, J. Shepherd and A. E. Carey (skip).
J. Forrest, G. C. Moss, G. Perkins and J. Orem (skip).
H. Brown, F. Channing, W. Mair and J. S. Fender (skip).

SECOND DIVISION P.R.C.

J. Edwards, J. C. Aitken, F. J. Kelly and W. MacHardy (skip).
J. W. MacDonald, J. Hunter, A. J. Johnson and G. S. Alexander (skip).
N. B. Fraser, S. R. Farlow, J. R. MacWalter and J. Riddell (skip).

T.D.C.

R. Main, T. Grimes, W. Seath and D. Munro (skip).
W. Cunningham, W. Bovaird, T. Stanton and F. Chalmers (skip).
H. Gillies, J. Whyte, W. Melrose and R. Wallace (skip).

K. Tong

C. Mose, J. Tang, J. L. Stephens and A. Spary (skip).
A. E. Castro, Y. Abbas, A. J. Kew and A. H. Basto (skip).
J. N. Wong, T. K. Lim, W. J. Howard and H. Gittins (skip).
Reserves:—T. M. Gregory, H. Y. Hsu and H. Castro.

K.F.C.

B. Evans, H. Bunje, W. Simpson and J. Gibson (skip).
J. Brown, B. Thomson, W. Groves and W. Field (skip).
J. Eastman, A. Moss, V. Chittenden and P. Younghusband (skip).

Some Interesting Games In Open Pairs

(By "SKIP")

Entries for all the open Competitions closed on Monday and it is gratifying to see that entrants for all three events, singles, pairs and rinks have reached new high levels. (How I hate that over-worked word "records!")

It is interesting to note that since 1930 the numbers of entrants for the singles has very nearly doubled, whilst, against only 52 pairs in 1934, when that event began, we now have 84 pairs: and the number of rinks entered has, like the singles, practically doubled.

Although in passing, it is of interest to note that nearly all the available open champions are competing, R. Wallace, R. Lapsley and L. A. Gutierrez are notable absentees.

I will confine my few remarks to the pairs which the Competitions committee wisely play off at the beginning of the season when the evenings are nice and long: for a pairs game is a longish one and two hours must normally be allowed for the game of 21 heads.

Interesting Games

Some interesting games are down for decision in the first or preliminary round in which 40 couples do battle, leaving 20 winners to go forward with the 44 pairs who have drawn byes.

First pair out of the hat are J. S. Logan and J. G. Meyer, of Kowloon

Bowling Green Club who will have their work cut out to beat A. Bakar and A. K. Minu of I.R.C.

The latter pair, if I remember correctly, got into the semi-final last year after some notable victories. The Indians must start favourites and will probably win by a half a dozen shots or so.

Another good game should be that between Fred Cullen and Charlie Thom against Luigi Souza and Charlie Rosset on the same green. The Craigengower pair should win by having the advantage in leads.

Another Kowloon Dock pair in Ferguson and Morrison should have an equally hard fight against McLeod and Dall, of the Police, but they may meet with more success.

Also at Kowloon Football Club the same evening will be a Portuguese pair, "Dick" Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro against Jack Howell, runner-up with Bob Craig last year, and Norman Bobbington, of Hong Kong Football Club. The latter will have the advantage in leading but I rather think that will be enough for them to carry the day.

Jack Hollidge and his left-handed partner, Bill Hillyer, should have little difficulty in over-coming Gelling and Brooksbank if they make sure of mixing the back woods.

Two pairs from the Indian Club un-



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fortunately clash at Craigengower on Wednesday and I fancy Dalleh and Adal to beat Khan and Abbas narrowly.

Domestic Clashes

Police pairs also clash that evening and Joe Carey and Ted Post should go into the next round. Joe Eastman, the Footballer, and "Digger" Groves and Hodge and Gowland from Stanley, play at Hong Kong Football Club the same day and I refuse to forecast the winners!

The only game on Thursday sees Robbie Lee and Norman Mackay, both (so far) more famous in the cricket world than as lawn bowlers, playing against Laurie Collyer and Frank Haynes, of C.S.C.C., and I put my money on Experience!

The pick of Friday's games will be that between J. Forrest and J. Orem of the Police and A. M. Calman and J. C. Brown the Kowloon Dock pair. Some good bowling should be seen with much depending on the leads, of whom, if he is on his game, I imagine the Dock player is slightly the better.

Barbara Gilmar And Father Riganti In Studio Recital

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Raie da Costa (Piano). "Stand Up And Sing"—Medley (Charing). "King Of Jazz"—Medley.
12.43 p.m.—Bob Crosby and His Orchestra. Cross Patch—Fox-Trot. Big Chief De Soto — Novelty Fox-Trot. Dixieland Shuffle—Fox-Trot. You're Lovely Madame — Fox-Trot (film 'Artists & Models Abroad'). What Have You Got That Gets Me—Fox-Trot (film 'Artists & Models Abroad').
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Vienna Boheme Orchestra. Spring Waltz (Lincke); April Smiles, Waltz (Depret)... Vienna Boheme Orchestra.

To-day's Wireless

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Handel's Messiah: H.K. Singers

Vienna, City Of My Dreams (film 'Heart's Desire'); Let Me Awaken. Your Heart (film 'Heart's Desire')... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Liebesfreud (Old Vienna Waltz—Kreisler)... Vienna Boheme Orch.
My Every Thought, My One Desire (from 'Giuditta'—Lehar); Love-liest Of Women (from 'Giuditta'—Lehar)... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Valse Romantique (Max Heinecke); Die Hochzeit Der Winde, Waltz (John T. Hall)... Vienna Boheme Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Trio In D Minor, Op. 49. Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) Thanks for everything; (b) Could be; (c) Sailing at Midnight; (d) Swingtime in Honolulu.
6.14 p.m.—Record: If You Love Me (Noble); A Couple Of April Fools (Kennedy & Carr)... Carroll Gibbons (Piano) & His Boy Friends.
6.21 p.m.—(a) Rose Room; (b) Black Eggs; (c) Only when you're in my arms; (d) When you're smiling.
6.35 p.m.—Records: Jan Kiepura Film Melodies... Marcel Palotti (Organ). A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody (film 'The Great Ziegfeld')... Frances Day (Soprano) with Orchestra.
6.44 p.m.—(a) Heart and Soul; (b) Miss Annabella Brown; (c) Love is where you find it; (d) When Pa is Courtin' Ma.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Elsie & Doris Waters, Leslie Hutchinson, Frances Day and The Mills Brothers, & Others.
The Pretty Little Patchwork Quilt—Fox-Trot; Too Lovely To Be True—Fox-Trot (film 'The Sky's The Limit')... Jack Wilson & His Versatile Five with Vocal Refrain.
I Feel A Song Coming On (film 'Every Night At Eight'); Whenever I Think Of You (Harry Woods)... Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.
Oh, Isabella—Waltz (Teich); Mountain Life—Waltz (Stucki)... Tessin Band.
A-Ticket, A-Ticket (Fitzgerald & Feldman); Music, Maestro, Please (from 'These Foolish Things')... Frances Day (Vocal) with Orch.

Three Brass Bells—Novelty Quick-step; Eccentric—Novelty Quick-step... Henry Hall & His Orch.
Sleepy Head (film 'Spy 13'); Jungle Fever (film 'Spy 13')... The Mills Brothers (Four Boys & a Guitar). Pickin' My Way (Lang-Kress); Feeling My Way (Lang-Kress)... Eddie Lang (Guitar) with Guitar accomp. by Carl Kress.
Hiccups (E. & D. Waters); The Tale Of A Hat (E. & D. Waters)... Elsie & Doris Waters with Piano. Take Me In Your Arms (Roncoroni); There's Rain In My Eyes (Ager-McCarthy-Schwartz)... Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
Song Without Words (in A minor, Op. 40, No. 6—Tchaikowsky); Yabluchko Russian Sailors' Dance (from 'The Red Poppy Ballet'); Hungarian Dance No. 1; Gavotte ('Mignon—Thomas')... cond. by Leopold Stokowski.
8.15 p.m.—Relay of a Recital by Barbara Gilmar (Soprano) and The Very Rev. Father R. Riganti (Organ) from St. Joseph's Church.
8.45 p.m.—Beethoven — Sonata In A Major, Op. 69. Emanuel Feuermann ('Cello) and Myra Hess (Piano).
9.05 p.m.—Schubert Songs. The Erl King, Op. 1; Hedge Rose, Op. 3, No. 3; Impatience, Op. 25, No. 7... Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—Handel's 'The Messiah'. (Relayed from St. John's Cathedral). The Hong Kong Singers. Soloists: Eva Turner (Soprano); Helen Lockhart (Contralto); Gaston d'Aquino (Tenor) and L. T. Ride (Baritone) with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Organ. Conducted by Rupert Baldwin.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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East, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
North-South 60 on score

♠ K 6 5 2
♥ 10 9 5 4 3
♦ 6
♣ K 7 5
Q 10 4 3
A 8
10 9 7
5 2
6
N
W
S
E
A J 8 7
2
K J 3
Q J 10
3-2
9
K Q J 7 6
A 8 4
A 9 8 4

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♣	1♥	2♦	2♥
3♦	3♥	Pass	Pass
3♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

HIGH CARD VALUES
OF THE
FOUR-ACE SYSTEM
ACE... 3
KING... 2
QUEEN... 1
JACK... 0

East's and West's spirited defensive bidding finally got South to a contract at which he should have been set. But the defence slipped a little and he made the hand.

The singleton club was opened. Declarer won with the Ace and laid down the Queen of hearts, whereupon West made mistake No. 1—he held off with the Ace. Now Declarer played the Ace and another diamond, trumping in dummy, and led a small spade. East made mistake No. 2. Fearing Declarer held the singleton Queen of spades, he went right up with the Ace and played the Queen of clubs. West discarded, Declarer won in dummy with the King, led the King of spades, discarded a club from his own hand, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond in dummy, ruffed the last spade and led a low heart.

West was now in the lead with the Ace and had to play another diamond, whereupon Declarer simply

ly trumped in dummy and discarded the remaining losing club from his own hand.

The mistakes were rather unusual. West could have beaten the hand by playing his Ace on the first trump lead! East could have beaten the hand by not playing his Ace on the first spade lead!

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You were Declarer on Saturday at six clubs in a Rubber Bridge game. Dummy held:

♠ K Q 5
♥ Q 2
♦ A Q J 4
♣ J 4 3 2

You held:

♠ A 8 3 2
♥ A K
♦ K 6 5
♣ A Q 6 5

How do you play the trumps?

ANSWER: You can afford to lose one trump trick but not two. The correct play is to lay down the Ace of trumps and then play a low club towards the Jack. There is no play to make the hand if either opponent holds four trumps to the King. This play guards against a 4-1 split with the King being a singleton.

Score 100% for correct play, 0 for any other play.

Question No. 109

Oswald Jacoby is your partner. You are the dealer and hold:

♠ K J 3 2
♥ A 10
♦ A K Q J
♣ K Q J

The bidding:

You	Maier	Jacoby	Schenken
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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AT THE STAR—"Rascals". Princess Jane of the Gypsies rescues a runaway rich girl who has lost her memory and leads her into all sorts of hilarious adventures before she finds it again. With Rochelle Hudson, Robert Wilcox, Barrah Minevitch and his gang.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Shining Hour", with Joan Crawford, Margaret Sullivan, Melvyn Douglas and Robert Young. "The Shining Hour", is the

AT THE ORIENTAL—"The Sisters". Myron Brining's down-to-earth, tensely human tale of three sisters and the widely different fates they encountered on the stormy seas of Marriage. The cast includes Bette Davis, Errol Flynn, Anita Louise, Ian Hunter, Donald Crisp, Beulah Bondi, Jane Bryan, Alan Hale and Dick Foran.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Boy Slaves". The story of "Boy Slaves" centres on a group of juvenile outlaws whose wayward activities finally lead them to being paroled to a turpentine camp owner. Anne Shirley is cast as a young housekeeper for the latter, and her efforts to help the boys escape bring about tense dramatic complications.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mok King Fung is no longer the English Secretary of our firm, his service having been terminated on the 21st day of May, 1939.

CHUNG YUEN ELECTRIC CO.,
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Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1939.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 27th and MONDAY, 29th May, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building. (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock Noon on the First Day and at 11.00 a.m. on the Second Day.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1939.

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A Few Pieces of Blackwood Furniture and

One Organette.

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LAMMERT BROS.,

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Hong Kong, 23rd. May, 1939.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Saturday, the 27th. May, 1939 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at No. 134, Austin Road, 1st. Floor, Kowloon.

A Quantity of VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

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LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 24th May, 1939. May Road.

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Tuesday, the 30th. May, 1939 commencing at 11.00 a.m. at No. 2, "Abermor Court"

A Quantity of VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

also

One Upright Piano by "Moutrie."

and

One 11-Tube "Philco" Radio Gramophone.

On View from Monday, the 29th. May, 1939.

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LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 25th May, 1939.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Wednesday, the 31st. May, 1939 commencing at 11.00 a.m. at No. 21, Lyeemun Building, Kowloon.

A Quantity of VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

On View from Tuesday, the 30th. May, 1939.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 25th May, 1939.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Wednesday, the 31st. May, 1939 commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sale Room, No. 2 Connaught Road, Central (Room No. 205, 2nd Floor)

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The Eyrie	1725
Peak Tram Station	1305
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
Mainland	Feet.
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

NEUTRALITY ACT PROPOSALS

Washington, To-day.
CONGRESS is to consider a new plan for changing the Neutrality Law, worked out by Senator Guy M. Gillette, it is stated in connection with the declaration of the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, that the Neutrality Act is certain to be altered in the present session of Congress.

H.K. TRAFFIC OFFENDERS

Mr. W. Greenberg, of Taikoo Dock, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for leaving his car longer than necessary near the Bank of China, on May 2. He was fined \$5.

Sadik Ali Shah, of the Prison Department, was cautioned, for speeding in Bonham Road. It was alleged that defendant was driving at from 22 to 26 m.p.h.

Mr. J. Reidy, of the Urban Council, was summoned for causing an obstruction at Queen's Road East near Wanchai Market, on May 1.

Defendant, pleading not guilty, said that he could not start the car. He went to a garage to get help.

Sergeant Campbell said he saw the car unattended outside the Wanchai Market. He waited for about 10 minutes, but nobody came and he drove it to No. 2 Police Station. The case was adjourned.

The draft made by Senator Gillette is stated to have Mr. Cordell Hull's full approval.

The draft proposes that the export of all commodities, including war material and raw materials vital in war, be free from all restrictions both in peace and war subject only to the proviso that the President be authorised to name certain war zones which American citizens and vessels should only be permitted to enter at their own risk.

CLEAR WARNING

This, it is stated, would prevent American trade from becoming entirely stagnant in war and from being debarred even from those areas where no war is in progress.

Revision of the Neutrality Law in this sense would, in the opinion of political circles, show the totalitarian States clearly that in case of war the United States would give the Democracies all material help desired.—Trans-Ocean.

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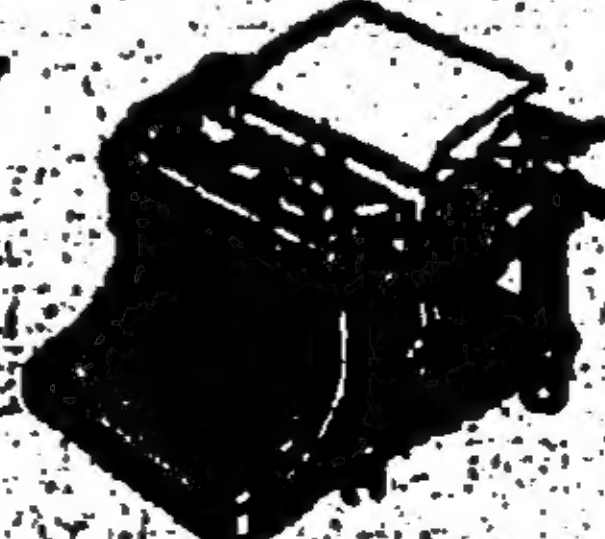
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